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FM PHOENIX (183 93)

TO HONOLULU PRIORITY

✓ TO DIRECTOR ROUTINE

TO NEW YORK ROUTINE

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CLEAR

JOSEPH CHARLES BONANNO, SR.; ET AL. RICO.

AFTERNOON MARCH 30, 1977

ATTORNEY FOR JOSEPH BONANNO, SR. TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED TUCSON
RESIDENT AGENCY AND ADVISED JOSEPH BONANNO, SR. RECEIVED THE
FOLLOWING TELEGRAM:

"I WANT TO WORK IN YOUR CHEESE FACTORY AND DISCUSS OTHER
BUSINESS PROPOSITIONS WITH YOU. I AM ARRIVING ON 31ST, 9:15 A.M.,
CONTINENTAL AIRLINES. I WILL BE WEARING A NAME TAG SO THAT YOU
CAN RECOGNIZE ME, [REDACTED] TELEPHONE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADVISED JOSEPH BONANNO, SR. DOES NOT KNOW THIS
PERSON AND IS UPSET IN VIEW OF RECENT PUBLICITY IN NEWSPAPERS

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TELETYPED TO:

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RECEIVED
FEDERAL BUREAU
OF INVESTIGATION
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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CONCERNING HIM. [] WAS ADVISED THERE APPEARED TO BE NO
FEDERAL VIOLATIONS AT THIS TIME BUT THAT IF ANY INTERSTATE
THREATENING CALLS WERE RECEIVED THAT HE SHOULD ADVISE THE FBI.

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FOR INFORMATION OF BUREAU, SALVATORE BONANNO IS IN TUCSON
THIS DATE. [] WAS CONTACTED AT SUBJECT'S HOME TO VERIFY
CALL.

PHOENIX DIVISION NOT AWARE OF ANY CONTACT BETWEEN SUBJECT
AND ANY PERSONS IN HONOLULU BUT IN VIEW OF A RECENT TRIP TO
HONOLULU BY ASSOCIATE OF CARMINE GALENTE THERE COULD BE SOME
SIGNIFICANCE TO TELEGRAM THAT BONANNO IS NOT AWARE OF.

HONOLULU IS REQUESTED TO CHECK INDICES [] AND
VERIFY PHONE NUMBER [] AND SUTEL PHOENIX.

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TRANSMIT VIA:

☐ Teletype
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PRECEDENCE:

☐ Immediate
☐ Priority
☐ Routine

CLASSIFICATION:

☐ TOP SECRET
☐ SECRET
☐ CONFIDENTIAL
☐ E F T O
☐ CLEAR

Date 6/27/78

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (183-1001)

FROM: SAC, PHOENIX (183-93) (P)

SUBJECT: JOSEPH CHARLES BONANNO, SR.;
 ET AL
 RICO
 OO: PHOENIX

Re Phoenix airtel to Director, dated 6/19/78.

On 6/20/78 [redacted] SALVATORE BONANNO, arrived Tucson, Arizona aboard American Airlines [redacted] from San Francisco, California. JOSEPH BONANNO, SR. met [redacted] at the airport and they both went to the office of [redacted] BONANNO SR's. [redacted]

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On 6/23/78 BONANNO SR. [redacted] met Continental Flt #74 from Los Angeles at Tucson International Airport and picked up an elderly lady believed to be ROSE DI BELLA, widow of JOHN DI BELLA, former owner of a cheese company in Wisconsin. BONANNO SR. makes some reference concerning money to help "the boys" in connection with ROSE DI BELLA's visit.

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 2 - New York
 2 - San Francisco (183-115)
 2 - Phoenix

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BONANNO SR. also indicated to source [redacted]
[redacted] BONANNO SR. usually
refers [redacted] Also BONANNO SR. wanted
BILL BONANNO to talk [redacted] soon.

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BONANNO SR. indicates that JOSEPH BONANNO JR.
should come to Arizona soon to get the money [redacted]
before he (JOE JR.) goes inside.

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BONANNO SR. indicated that he wants BILL BONANNO to
answer a letter received [redacted]

Previous references show a [redacted] with the
following phones: [redacted]

LEADS

NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK

Will determine subscribers to telephone numbers
[redacted] and check indices re
subscribers.

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7/3/78

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (183-1001)
FROM: SAC, PHOENIX (183-93) (P)
SUBJECT: JOSEPH CHARLES BONANNO, SR.
ET AL
RICO
OO: PHOENIX

Re Phoenix airtel, 6/27/78.

Source of Narcotics Strike Force, Tucson, indicates additional information concerning [redacted] mentioned in reairtel.

BONANNO, SR., again is requesting BILL BONANNO to correspond [redacted]

BONANNO, SR. also indicates intention to call phone [redacted]

BONANNO, SR. has been consulting [redacted] concerning an appeal of the recent sentences his sons received in connection with their probation revocations.

No indication of travel by BONANNO, SR.

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2 - New York
2 - San Francisco (183-115)
2 - Phoenix

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LEAD

NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Will identify subscriber of phone [REDACTED]
and conduct credit and criminal.

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Subject

Social Security Account #

Aliases

Sex	
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BONANNO, JOSEPH CHARLES (JR) 12/70 92-1586-1094*
AKA

BONANNO, JOSEPH CHARLES 8/68 92-5168-6*
(JR) AKA 6/68 " "

BONANNO, JOSEPH CHARLES (JR) aka 11/70 179-364*

BONANNO, JOSEPH CHARLES 3/71 92-4564-2028

BONANNO, JOSEPH CHARLES 12/68 92-5251-4,
(JR) P.2

BONANNO, JOSEPH CHARLES (JR) aka 11/70 179-363*
8/71 - 449

BONANNO, JOSEPH CHARLES (JR) 3/71 166-3227*

BONANNO, JOSEPH C. 12/71 87-66261*

BONANNO, JOSEPH C. 3/78 92-654-1326
SUB C
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BONANNO, JOSEPH C. 12/70 92-1586-1094*

BONANNO, JOSEPH C. 4/58 92-638
Age: 11 yrs.

BONANNO, JOSEPH (JR.) 12/76 92-638-2986p14
7/73

BONANNO, JOSEPH 4/73 12-63-A-72

BONANNO, JOSEPH 1/67 105-31311-1367
NEWS CLIPPING

BONANNO, JOSEPH SR. 4/76 92-2300-7214
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BONANNO, JOSEPH 12/71 87-66261*

BONANNO, JOSEPH 4/77 87-78501-36
P8

BONANNO, JOSEPH

3/71

166-3227*

(JOSEPH CHARLES BONANNO, JR.)

151 Buckingham Dr,
Santa Clara, Calif
BN 6/2/45, Arizona

white

SSAN# 527686693

BONANNO, JOSEPH

9/58

105-29930-13

BONANNO, JOSEPH (MR)

11/56

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Reviewing memo 10/22/56

BONANNO, JOSEPH (SR.) 6/78 92-2300-Sub K-740p4

BONANNO, JOSEPH (SR.) 6/78 92-2300-Sub K-741p3

Tuscan, Ariz.

BONANNO, JOSEPH JR. 6/78 92-654-SUB C-1403
VIO: AR P,4

BONANNO, JOSEPH, JR.

5/78

92-1292-893
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BONANNO, JOSEPH SR.

4/77

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PARTNER IN THE GRANDE CHEESE COMPANY
WITH JOSEPH DI BELLA

BONANNO, JOSEPH SR. 6/78 92-654-SUB C-1403
VIO: AR P,4

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TRANSMIT VIA:

☐ Teletype
☐ Facsimile
☒ Airtel

PRECEDENCE:

☐ Immediate
☐ Priority
☐ Routine

CLASSIFICATION:

☐ TOP SECRET
☐ SECRET
☐ CONFIDENTIAL
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☐ CLEAR

Date July 18, 1978

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, PHOENIX (183-93) (P)

SUBJECT: JOSEPH CHARLES BONANNO, SR.;
 ET AL;
 RICO
 OO: PX

Re Phoenix tel to San Francisco, 7/17/78.

Enclosed for the Bureau are notes received from Narcotics Strike Force at Tucson. The Bureau is requested to have these notes, which are in Sicilian, translated. Those notes numbered 1, 2, and 3 by the subject which are circled in black are those to be translated. Number 1 begins "Tell turi alle 4 p.m." and number 3 ends with the name "CATHERINE".

It is noted that no other pertinent information has been received from this source during this past week.

JOSEPH BONANNO, SR. and his wife are traveling to San Francisco on 7/18/78 via AA.

Information recently received from New York indicates that VITO DI FILLIPPO [redacted] [redacted] are now residing in New York City. Source information reports some vehicles bearing Arizona licenses there.

- ② - Bureau (Encls. 3)
 2 - San Francisco (183-115)
 2 - Sacramento

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New York
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For information of San Francisco, VITO and
[redacted] formerly resided in Las Vegas and
are very close associates of JOSEPH BONANNO, SR. and
BILL BONANNO.

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7/25/78

TO: SAC, PHOENIX (183-93)

FROM: ADIC, NEW YORK (183-1212) (RUC) (#210)

SUBJECT: JOSEPH CHARLES BONANNO, SR.;
ET AL
RICO
(OO: PX)

RePXairtels to NY, dated 6/27/78 and 7/3/78.

Enclosed is original and seven copies of
FD-302 containing subscriber information.

It is to be noted that NY indices were negative
concerning subscribers listed in FD-302.

2-Phoenix (Encls. 8)

1-New York

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TRANSLATION FROM ITALIAN

I

Tell [] at 4:00 PM.

Where we change. Tell:

- (1) Who must place the papers inside for the Magistrate to change the decision.
- (2) The same person you are in contact with, is he an attorney?

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OK (illegible) ... []

the days . (illegible) ... he lies (?)

See over

II

I liked your interview very much. What was the general reaction and on the part of (?) whom?

Certainly, many people read it.

Did you send one to the Magistrate? Perhaps he read it.

But we are not sure.

Do you have more copies? [] has seen.

File for bond?

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Certainly, the one who gave you the (crow) bar must have read your article. Perhaps he gave it to the Magistrate to read?

183-1061
Your brother-in-law's lawyer perhaps read it; [] (?) too?

TRANSLATED BY:

[]
August 15, 1978

ENCLOSURE

SAC, Phoenix (183-93)

August 23, 1978

Director, FBI (183-1001)

JOSEPH CHARLES BONANNO, SR.;
ET AL;
RICO
OO: PX

Attached is the translation which you requested by
airtel dated 7/18/78.

The contents thereof, where pertinent, must be reported
under appropriate captions and afforded whatever investigative
attention is necessary.

The foreign language material is returned herewith.

Enclosures (3)

- 1 - San Francisco (183-115) Enclosure (1) (1 translation)
- 1 - Sacramento Enclosure (1) (1 translation)
- 1 - New York Enclosure (1) (1 translation)

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Dep. AD Adm. _____
Dep. AD Inv. _____
Asst. Dir. _____

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MAIL ROOM

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CLASSIFICATION:

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (183-1001)

FROM: SAC, PHOENIX (183-93) (P)

SUBJECT: JOSEPH BONANNO, SR., aka
ET AL
AR
OO: PHOENIX

Enclosed for the Bureau is a Xerox copy of a note received from the Narcotics Strike Force at Tucson. The Bureau is requested to have this note, which is in Sicilian, translated as soon as possible inasmuch as it pertains to subject's son SALVATORE [REDACTED]

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Information received from source of Narcotics Strike Force indicates that BONANNO SR. is upset about subpoenas being served concerning U.S. Mattress Co. BONANNO SR. has directed [REDACTED] JOSEPH BONANNO, JR. [REDACTED]

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- 2 - Bureau (Enc. 1)
2 - San Francisco (183-115)
2 - Sacramento (183-93)
② - New York
2 - Phoenix

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BONANNO SR. also directed [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

BONANNO SR. also indicated [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

BONANNO SR. indicates worry about money from [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Ontario, California company.

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BONANNO SR. indicates use of two pay phones in the San Jose, California area possibly at a hospital as follows: First floor 377-9970, Third Floor 377-9985.

BONANNO SR. also noted the following name [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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BONANNO SR. also noted the following phone [REDACTED] along with a legal discription of some property with the note, [REDACTED] and the name [REDACTED]

BONANNO SR. also indicated desire to have JOE, JR transferred to new Federal Prison Camp in Borax, California.

LEADS

NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK

Identify subscriber to phone [REDACTED] and check indices and advise Phoenix and San Francisco

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PX 183-93

SAN FRANCISCO

AT SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

Conduct appropriate investigation and maintain
contact with Strike Force Attorney at San Francisco.

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TO: SAC, PHOENIX (183-93)
FROM: ADIC, NEW YORK (183-1212) (RUC) (210)
SUBJECT: JOSEPH BONANNO, SR. aka
ET AL
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(OO:PX)

RePXairtel to NY, dated 9/1/78.

Enclosed for Phoenix are the original and five copies of an FD-302 reflecting subscriber information.

Enclosed for San Francisco is one copy of an FD-302 reflecting subscriber information.

New York indices reflect no identifiable information concerning

- 2 - Phoenix
- 2 - San Francisco
- 1 - New York
- 1 - Supv. #210

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TRANSLATION FROM ITALIAN

Worth its while [] (?) Check \$...50 Bank with
of liquid.

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All (?) Name

[]

Next call from [], also say that the papers are not with the girl, but a heavy pressure on the girl on the part [] (?) can tell us where they are. The danger is that everything was destroyed, because the girl told [] when [] comes to pay you a visit, you can trust only [] for [] to take these papers. Only [] and I will know where they are. [] will only let me know. Thus, only [] and I will be able to know the secret. Only thus can we be sure of what may happen tomorrow. Clear? You have there (?) [] the girl, [] the papers.

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Period (Personal ?)

\$70,000	Salary, cash
<u>30,000</u>	To you
1,000	
<u>1,200</u>	You spend
2,200	
<u>2,500</u>	For your house, up to date
4,700	
<u>460</u>	To your wife, up to date, house payments
5,160	
<u>100</u>	To your wife, plane ticket
5,260	
<u>1,500</u>	To the . . . (illegible) . . . Service
6,760	
<u>200</u>	Hotel, hotel room.
6,960	

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[Signature]

SAC, Phoenix (183-93)

9/15/78

Director, FBI (183-1001)

JOSEPH BONANNO, SR., aka
ET AL
AR

OO: PHOENIX

Joseph Charles Bonanno

Attached is the translation which you requested by airtel dated September 1, 1978.

The contents thereof, where pertinent, must be reported under appropriate captions and afforded whatever investigative attention is necessary.

The foreign language material is returned herewith.

Enc. (3)

- 1 - San Francisco (183-115) Enc. (1 translation)
- 1 - Sacramento (183-93) Enc. (1 translation)
- ① - New York Enc. (1 translation)

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PHILADELPHIA IMMEDIATE

SEATTLE IMMEDIATE

ALEXANDRIA IMMEDIATE

DETROIT IMMEDIATE

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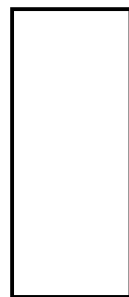
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JOSEPH CHARLES BONANNO, SR., AKA; ET AL. RICO. OO: PHOENIX

ALL OFFICES SHOULD DETERMINE THE SUBSCRIBERS OF THE TELEPHONES LISTED FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE DIVISIONS AND FURNISH THIS INFORMATION TO PHOENIX DIVISION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, OCTOBER 2, 1978:



SA  notified
9/29 - 10:15 P.M. *gjm*



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ALBANY AT SARATOGA SPRINGS, NEW YORK. [REDACTED]

ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA, AT MC LEAN, VIRGINIA. [REDACTED]

CINCINNATI AT CINCINNATI, OHIO. [REDACTED]

DETROIT AT BENTON HARBOR, MICHIGAN. [REDACTED]

AT WARREN, MICHIGAN. [REDACTED]

EL PASO AT EL PASO, TEXAS. [REDACTED]

LOS ANGELES AT HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIFORNIA. [REDACTED]

MIAMI AT WINTERPARK, FLORIDA. [REDACTED]

AT MIAMI, FLORIDA. [REDACTED]

MILWAUKEE AT MILWAUKEE. [REDACTED]

NEWARK AT BLOOMFIELD, NEW JERSEY. [REDACTED]

AT PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY. [REDACTED]

NEW YORK AT QUEENS. [REDACTED]

PHILADELPHIA AT PHILADELPHIA. [REDACTED]

SALT LAKE CITY AT HEBER CITY, UTAH. [REDACTED]

AT SALT LAKE CITY. [REDACTED]

SEATTLE AT TACOMA, WASHINGTON. [REDACTED]

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☐ Facsimile
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☐ UNCLAS

Date 10/2/78

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FM NEW YORK (183-1212) (RUC) (209)

~~TO PHOENIX (183-93) IMMEDIATE~~

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UNCLAS E F T O

JOSEPH CHARLES BONANNO; ET AL; RICO.

RE PHOENIX TELETYPE TO NEW YORK, SEPTEMBER 29, 1978.

A REVIEW OF THE RECORDS OF THE NEW YORK TELEPHONE COMPANY
 REVEAL THAT PHONE NUMBER [REDACTED] IS SUBSCRIBED TO BY

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[REDACTED] QUEENS, NEW YORK.

IT IS TO BE NOTED THAT ONE [REDACTED]
 OF VITO BONVENTRE (DOB JANUARY 4, 1891) AND JOHN BONVENTRE (DOB
 APRIL 18, 1901). BOTH VITO AND JOHN ARE MEMBERS OF THE BONANNO
 FAMILY AND LONG TIME ASSOCIATES OF JOSEPH BONANNO, SR., HOWEVER,
 DUE TO THE LACK OF IDENTIFIABLE INFO, IT COULD NOT BE DETERMINED
 IF [REDACTED] IS IDENTICAL TO THE SUBSCRIBER MENTIONED
 ABOVE,

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1 NEW YORKDJF;JFC
(2)

1 - SUB [REDACTED]

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SA [redacted] contacted
8/6/79
was knowledgeable
where file is
kept.

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AIRTEL

11/22/78

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (ATTN: FOIPA BRANCH, RMD)

FROM: SAC, SACRAMENTO

SUBJECT: SALVATORE VINCENT BONANNO, aka
ET AL
RICO (A)
OO: San Francisco

JOSEPH CHARLES BONANNO, SR.;

[REDACTED]
RICO - FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS,
SACRAMENTO DIVISION (A)
OO: Sacramento

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The Bureau and offices receiving this communication have prior communications from the Sacramento Division re captioned investigations. Information furnished by the Sacramento Division in these prior communications originated from a highly placed confidential source who is the same source in both cases and mentioned as a Sacramento confidential source in all instances.

- 2 - Bureau
2 - Jacksonville
2 - Miami
2 - New York
2 - Phoenix
2 - San Francisco
2 - Sacramento
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The purpose of this letter is to re-emphasize the concern within the Sacramento Division that the source's identity not be compromised by any action taken within the Bureau. It should be noted that all information furnished by the source concerns matters wherein he has exclusive knowledge. This includes consensual technical monitoring which has been conducted. Therefore, any dissemination or release under FOI/PA of this information even in part could identify the source to the subjects and compromise his safety.

Recently, subject SALVATORE BONANNO requested information from the Bureau under FOI. In the event other such requests are received from the subjects, either while these cases are pending or closed, it should be noted the source has requested confidentiality in this matter on all occasions. This

This communication is designed as a clarification of this position should such FOI/PA requests be received prior to future file destruction.

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☐ SECRET
☐ CONFIDENTIAL
☐ UNCLAS E F T O
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Date 11/7/78

TO: ADIC, NEW YORK
 FROM: SAC, PHOENIX (183-93) (P)
 SUBJECT: JOSEPH CHARLES BONANNO, SR., aka
 ET AL
 RICO (A)
 (OO: PX)

Enclosed for New York is a cassette recording
 of a conversation [redacted]

SA [redacted] is requested to translate the conversation from Sicilian to English and have it transcribed and return the cassette and FD-302s to the Phoenix Division. SA [redacted] is cautioned to listen to the tape prior to translation as one portion of the conversation may have been recorded twice, as it was during a tape change when simultaneous taping occurred. The entire first side of the cassette is used and a portion of the second side of the cassette.

Also enclosed for New York is a daily log of all conversations that occurred that day, DA-10, to assist SA [redacted] in the translation.

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TO: SAC, PHOENIX (183-93) (P)

FROM: SAC, BROOKLYN-QUEENS

SUBJECT: JOSEPH CHARLES BONANNO, SR. aka
ET AL
RICO (A)
(OO: PX)

Enclosed for PX are two original and four copies of translated notes of subject in FD-302 format. Also enclosed is a copy of original notes.

It is requested that the enclosed be furnished to SA [redacted] or SA [redacted] Tucson Resident Agency.

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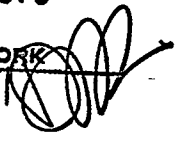
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The following is a translation of note written in Italian, label "I", of JOSEPH C. BONANNO, SR:

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- (1) Tell me what [redacted] told you
- (2) Did you talk that you will bring me the 'liquid' right away; in order to pay quickly; the things (illegible) danger from one moment to the next can occur.
- (3) Did you say to him for him to be serene that the 'cartolari' are hidden well. When you come bring me 'cartolari' that we will be able to copy for S - for who knows.
- (4) What did the Star tell you
- (5) What did they ask my [redacted] father??"

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The following is a translation of note written in Italian, unlabeled, of JOSEPH C. BONANNO, SR:

"To [redacted]

To bring message [redacted] - from the older baldheaded guy [redacted] - to do something right away [redacted] to have him transferred.

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In meantime, [redacted] sent letter there - that [redacted] mother condition two years, now better but in constant under his care - But since the son is there - they have aggravated very much, a transfer of her son with colitis improves the health."

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The following is a translation of Italian handwritten note, labelled "I", of JOSEPH C. BONANNO, Sr.:

"Tell [] to tell [] (1) [] came here for a few days.

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There was a battle here in court; at whatever cost he wanted that I would be present before the assembly.

He accused me; that he made - an accusation, because not only that I have in my power all the documents and books of the 'Tall One' and others - but I am implicated with the children if I am an accomplice with the children because of the matters there - it was a front for me - and I was responsible of everything".

The following is a translation of Italian handwritten note, labelled "II", of JOSEPH BONANNO, Sr.:

"He accused me in front of the Court here; he accused my doctor, he accused my attorney from here the one who was introduced to me by the baldheaded guy. Do not believe and does not want to know anything regarding my sickness from the past and he does not care about those who have examined me in the past, even that they were the government's doctors; he says that I 'buy' everyone; my attorney from here told him; that my appearance in front of the assembly could cost me my life".

The following is a translation of Italian handwritten note, labelled "III", of JOSEPH C. BONANNO, Jr.:

"He doesn't care; he said at least before he will put the accusation, and he wants to do this before I die. He's an absolute madman. For now I am a prisoner in my house, under orders from my doctor -

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and under orders from the attorney - the judge here - (the one from home) - stopped him to this; saying that he, the judge, could not make a decision because this madman did not bring him sufficient proof. However, therefore, he did not win to have me appear before the assembly."

The following is a translation of Italian handwritten note, labelled "IV", of JOSEPH C. BONANNO, Sr.:

"However the Judge recommended that he my baldheaded guy to come to an accord to have me examined (by another doctor because he cannot deny him this). However the Judge said one doctor and enough. But there's a battle between my attorney from here - that my attorney spoke with a doctor that as much as the attorney and the madman had decided; now he has returned to [redacted] city; and he does not want to agree because he wants a commission of 5 doctors here there's a battle - and he should not win; because my attorney tells him; and you go (illegible) in front of the Judge here; he does not like it".

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The following is a translation of Italian handwritten note, labelled "V", of JOSEPH C. BONANNO, Jr.:

"Therefore - my (illegible) is a long one - my wife - she can't go out - I have to use someone who goes out to do the groceries for me and my wife. They can't move me and the 'Mollica' watch if I go out. A critical situation. I can't go out and not even able to go speak with anyone. I can't go out I don't know when the matter (word has line through it) not even able to talk with the mother's doctor. The newspapers here account and have published my doctor too much. Therefore, regarding the mother's doctor I don't believe that it is possible - however I hope, at least, not sure, for some letter; the mother's condition".

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TO: SAC, PHOENIX (183-93)

FROM: ADIC, NEW YORK (183-1212) (RUC)

SUBJECT: JOSEPH CHARLES BONANNO, SR. aka
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RePXairtel to NY, dated 11/7/78.

Enclosed for PX are one original and one copy
of transcription of a recorded conversation [redacted]

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a daily log of all conversations occurring on 10/29/78.

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Date 3/8/79

TO: SAC, ALBANY

FROM: SAC, PHOENIX (183-93) (P)

SUBJECT: JOSEPH CHARLES BONANNO, SR., aka
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RICO (A)
OO: PHOENIX

Enclosed for each office is one copy of Department of Justice Intelligence Report concerning organized crime infiltration of the cheese industry dated 11/1/77.

On 3/1 and 3/2/79, a conference was held at Tucson, Arizona with Strike Force Attorney [REDACTED], the FBI, the Arizona Drug Control District, SA [REDACTED], Pennsylvania Crime Commission, 5301 Jonestown Road, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; Officer [REDACTED] Organized Crime Intelligence Division, LAPD, 150 N. Los Angeles Street, Los Angeles, California; and Detective [REDACTED] OCCB, NYPD, One Police Plaza, New York, New York concerning the activities of JOSEPH CHARLES BONANNO, SR. and organized crime infiltration of the cheese industry in Canada and the United States. There is an apparent association between BONANNO and certain major OC figures whose businesses are involved in the cheese industry.

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- 2 - Denver (183-180) (Encl. 1)
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- 2 - New York (183-212) (Encl. 1)
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In an effort to determine the extent of BONANNO's connection with this industry, the following leads are being set forth. These leads should be covered expeditiously and the results of the interviews furnished the Phoenix and San Francisco Divisions by 3/27/79 for possible Federal Grand Jury presentation.

LEADS

ALBANY

AT UTICA, NEW YORK

Determine the connection of the Utica Cheese Company with the Saputo-Borsellino Cheese Company. It is believed that the Utica Cheese Company is associated with Saputo Cheese Limited of Montreal, Canada. SA [REDACTED] Special Agent, Pennsylvania Crime Commission, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, has information concerning the Utica Cheese Company and has been in the Utica area investigating their connection with the BORSELLINO interests in Pennsylvania.

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DENVER

AT DENVER COLORADO

1. Locate and interview [REDACTED] and determine the following:

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a.) His knowledge of the connection between JOSEPH BONANNO, SR. and the Leprino Cheese Company.

b.) Determine any business interests BONANNO, SR. has in the Denver area and what connection BONANNO, SR. has with labor unions in Denver.

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c.) Determine [REDACTED] what business interests he [REDACTED] has with BONANNO and/or BONANNO's children, SALVATORE and JOSEPH, JR.

d.) Determine the identity of GEORGE (LNU) at the Riviera Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada, an individual in whom BONANNO has displayed an interest.

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2. Locate and interview [] and determine the following:

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a.) What connection Leprino Cheese Company has with [] B & T Cheese Company, York, Pennsylvania and if BONANNO, SR. has an interest in B & T Cheese Company.

b.) Determine [] if he knows of any connection between BONANNO, SR. and Saputo Cheese Company, Montreal, Canada.

LOS ANGELES

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

1. Contact Officer [] Los Angeles Police Department, O. C. Intelligence Division, 150 North Los Angeles Street, Los Angeles, California 90012, telephone [] concerning the information discussed [] during the conference at Tucson.

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2. Locate and interview [] regarding their connections with [] any business interests they have with BONANNO and any information they have concerning BONANNO's connection with the cheese industry.

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NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK
ATTENTION: SA []

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1. Contact Detective [] OCCB, NYPD, One Police Plaza, New York, New York concerning the proposed interviews that were discussed [] during the conference at Tucson.

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2. Locate and interview LCN members VITO DI FILIPPO, [] and CARMINE GALENTE concerning their knowledge of JOSEPH BONANNO, SR.'s connection with Saputo Cheese Company of Montreal, Canada and BONANNO's business dealings []

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3. Detective [] has indicated he will be interviewing [] concerning money transfers from Canada to Tucson.

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PHILADELPHIA

AT HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

1. Contact [] Special Agent, Pennsylvania Crime Commission, 5301 Jonestown Road, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania for details of the investigation he has conducted to date concerning [] York, Pennsylvania and his investigation of the Utica Cheese Company.

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In view of the extensive investigation already conducted [] Pennsylvania should consider the opening of a new RICO matter involving the Borsellino enterprise in Pennsylvania. Strike Force Attorney [] advised he would be in contact with the Strike Force in Philadelphia concerning this matter.

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AT TUCSON, ARIZONA

1. Interview [] concerning his connection with JOSEPH BONANNO, JR.

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2. Interview [] concerning his business dealings with JOSEPH BONANNO, SR.

3. Interview [] concerning BONANNO SR.'s business dealings and his connections with his sons' business dealings in California.

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JOSEPH CHARLES BONANNO, SR., AKA; ET AL; RICO (A);

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RE PHOENIX AIRTEL TO ALBANY, MARCH 8, 1979.

INFORMATION RECEIVED MARCH 12, 1979, FROM SOURCE OF
NARCOTICS STRIKE FORCE, TUCSON, ARIZONA, INDICATES RECENT
CONTACT BY BONANNO, SR., WITH CARMINE GALENTE. BONANNO, SR.,
SENT A MESSAGE TO GALENTE [REDACTED]

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THE MESSAGE RECENTLY SENT BY BONANNO, SR., MENTIONED

[REDACTED] CARMINE GALENTE.

GALENTE IS REFERRED TO AS "CIGARO" BY BONANNO, SR.

DURING NEW YORK INTERVIEWS WITH CARMINE GALENTE, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] DETERMINE IDENTITY OF

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AND GALENTE [REDACTED]

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Date 3/22/79

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (183-1001)

FROM: SAC, PHOENIX (183-93) (P)

SUBJECT: JOSEPH CHARLES BONANNO, SR.,
ET AL
RICO-CONSPIRACY (A)
OO: PHOENIX

Re Phoenix tel to Bureau 3/17/79.

As the Bureau is aware, a federal search warrant was executed on the premises of captioned subject at 255 Sierra Vista Drive in Tucson, Arizona on 3/17/79. During the search of the BONANNO residence, located in a basement office of BONANNO in what he has described as his "buco" (safe), was a series of papers consisting of hundreds of handwritten notes of BONANNO, all written in his handwriting. Some of these were in English and some were in either Sicilian or Italian.

Enclosed for the Bureau are these notes with the request that they be transcribed and copies of the transcription sent to the offices receiving this communication.

- 2 - Bureau (Encls. 1)
- 1 - Chicago (Info)
- 1 - Los Angeles (92-134) (Info)
- 1 - New York (Info)
- 1 - Philadelphia (Info)
- 1 - Sacramento (183-223) (Info)
- 1 - San Francisco (183-115) (Info)
- 1 - Tampa (Info)
- 2 - Phoenix

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These documents have been reviewed, analyzed, and in some instances interpreted by an Agent who has been assigned to organized crime investigations since the Bureau's institution of the Top Hoodlum Program on November 22, 1957. However, due to the scribbling of BONANNO inasmuch as he intended these notes only for his personal review, only a fraction of his handwriting is legible to the Agent in Tucson. The following is a summary of that small portion of the documents which is legible in Tucson.

It would appear from the notes that what BONANNO has attempted to do is to prepare his memoirs, a history of organized crime since its inception as the Mafia in Sicily in the 1200s. It appears in a very few instances that he has taken information from another publication, at least in that portion of the documents which pertain to the Sicilian origins of the Mafia and that he has put his imprimatur on the contents of these publications and is incorporating it as his own. It should be noted by the Bureau that some of the pages are obviously out of sequence but this is the way they were discovered in BONANNO's "buco". It appears that these personal notes of BONANNO might serve as the basis for his autobiography. In this regard it should be noted that on one page he has the words "Title: The Real Story of Joe Bonanno" or "The Prince of Honored Mafia" and on another page later he has the words "The Sicilian-American Mafia Prince".

Many of the documents contain the first line "The Sicilian History of the Mafia". On these pages BONANNO writes what he apparently believes is the origin of the Mafia in Sicily. He writes "where the mother of the girl near the church (in the Vespers Insurrection) cried 'Ma-Fia' (my daughter) became years after the expression of the symbol of protection..... against the oppressor". "The Symbol of Honor, Courage, Integrity, Justice, Liberty". "This secret organization were formed as the 'Blessed Paul's' whose aim was to bring about the righting of wrong. The Mafia was the product of despotic government". "In an unjust world, it was necessary to create one's own justice". BONANNO described MUSSOLINI's purge of the Mafia as being motivated by an attempt to "appear as a champion of decent living" but even more so as an attempt to "repress against any sort of arrogance". In his writings he refers to "Saint Principe Ala Mafia, the Mafia Prince".

During this segment of his writings, BONANNO describes the influence of the BONANNO family in his construction of the Tower of Pisa, their influence with the King of Italy, and describes a member of the BONANNO family who was Mayor of Palermo. He also describes how he was instructed by his father on his death bed: "Above all, be a BONANNO and be proud of the BONANNOS". He describes how he finished high school and went to college in Italy, came to the United States, settled in Brooklyn. He writes, "I was in bootlegging business at age 21 or 22."

The next segment of his writings BONANNO writes at great length concerning the Castellammarese War in New York. How JOE "The Boss" MASSERIA created a "conspiracy against JOE AIELLO in Chicago". He writes that this conspiracy involved AL CAPONE, who was with MASSERIA. BONANNO apparently traveled to Chicago at this time because it was believed "AIELLO wanted to kill JOE, the boss". MASSERIA used CAPONE (apparently to kill AIELLO). BONANNO writes of a plot at this time to kill STEVE MAGADDINO, a boss in Buffalo, New York. He writes MAGADDINO was "begging us for help". MASSERIA then "called other important Dons" from out of town, accused MAGADDINO. Word was sent "to JOE AIELLO in Chicago to be careful from any CAPONE representative".

The next portion of this narrative is illegible in Tucson, however, it seems fairly obvious that the above situation is believed by BONANNO to lead to the Castellammarese War because the above narrative immediately precedes the words "The war started.... order to soldier to kill all the New York big Dons." In another part, BONANNO writes "The Castellammarese War starts early 1930 after the killing of the boss of Detroit, a Castellammarese himself born in Sicily, to protect the other Castellammarese, to kill or not to be killed....MASSERIA had support of AL CAPONE and his organization, BUGS MORAN organization, and JOE AIELLO, the real official head of Mafia boss of Chicago although CAPONE had a powerful organization of his own in Chicago." In this connection in another part of his writings, BONANNO talks about the bad feeling between MASSERIA and AIELLO and says "MASSERIA wanted to be supreme over CAPONE. CAPONE wanted to be supreme over MASSERIA in New York." He writes that "MASSERIA went to Chicago" where a meeting was held with "other out of town bosses" to settle this problem.

BONANNO names many of the bosses of geographical areas in the country at this period of time, around 1930. He identifies STEVE MAGADDINO of Buffalo as being allied with MARANZANO, who

battled with MASSERIA in the Castellammarese War. He mentions FRANK COSTELLO, JOE ADONIS, and LUCKY LUCIANO who were with MASSERIA. He mentions LOUIE LIPSCHULTZ as possibly being with MARANZANO "who ordered all New York bosses to be killed." BONANNO writes that other bosses "begged MARANZANO to spare other innocent people in the country." "J. B. met these group before they had a chance to kill MARANZANO". BONANNO describes how MARANZANO traveled from place to place with body guards in a bullet proof Cadillac to escape his killers. At this point BONANNO describes how he was beaten by a New York City detective and how he suffered. Again, at this point he mentions "LUCKY, FRANK COSTELLO, JOE ADONIS, and VITO GENOVESE" possibly as being top men during the latter stages of the Castellammarese War. BONANNO describes the wholesale killings at this time. This included AIELLO in Chicago which made "CAPONE now sole boss in Chicago." CAPONE thereafter had nothing to do with New York and then was interested only to have peace in Chicago." He describes how the war came to an end and how 500 bosses met "by the Table of the Great Hall". MARANZANO was acclaimed the (illegible word). "MARANZANO was acclaimed the boss of all bosses from all over the country". From the writings it appears that CAPONE had some question at the meeting but "MARANZANO assured CAPONE the peace in Chicago and made CAPONE official boss of all Chicago". BONANNO then writes that MARANZANO selected five New York bosses. MARANZANO told all the bosses "to come to New York if any trouble in their city-help or whatever". JOE BONANNO named the New York bosses at that time as "CHARLIE LUCKY, MANGANÒ, SCALISE (?), JOE PROFACI". He mentioned only four of the five, with the fifth believed to be BONANNO. He mentions that SCALISE (?) was shortly thereafter replaced. Described how upon the death of MARANZANO the Commission was elected. BONANNO seems to say the election was for a term of five years. The function of the Commission was to "keep the peace in New York and all over the country - to make law, to settle trouble in other areas, and to guarantee the justice for all. No Commission have the authority to control or to give order to another boss". However, at this point BONANNO writes "But after the 1965 deterioration among New York bosses started doing that".

Getting back to the origins of the Commission in the early 1930s BONANNO writes that he was "the first one nominated" to be a member. In interpretation, it appears that most of the above is self explanatory. With the exception of AIELLO and CAPONE, all those mentioned were leaders of organized crime in New York. JOE AIELLO, at one point, is described by BONANNO as the "real boss of the Mafia in Chicago", was in fact the

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head of the Italian-American Unione, the organization of Italian Americans in Chicago. It is believed to be a matter of history that he was in fact the leader of the "mustache" faction of organized crime in Chicago whereas CAPONE had a conglomeration of Italians and other nationalities who banded together to form the "hard nut" of organized crime in Chicago. It is a matter of history that AIELLO was killed in Chicago in the early 1930s and that this killing was generally believed to be perpetrated by the CAPONE Organization.

As all offices are aware, the "Commission" is the ruling body of organized crime in the United States.

BONANNO then prepared an outline of his life following the creation of the Commission. He touched upon the following points:

"The trust among the Commission members, the deterioration among the Commission members, the Kefauver Committee, the betraying start within the Commission, a boss to betray another boss, the killing (?) of ALBERT ANASTASIA, the LUCIANO deportation, VITO (GENOVESE) leaving, return from Italy; COSTELLO supporting ANASTASIA, the order to kill COSTELLO, the COSTELLO escape, how J. B. made effort to keep the peace, trip of J. B. to Italy; return of J. B. from Italy day after the ANASTASIA death, the Apalachin Meeting, who really ordered the meeting at BARBARA's, who were there and who were not, the Apalachin trial, J. B.'s heart attack, his appearance in court, J. B.'s fake subpoena to appear in New York, J. B.'s arrest in 1958, 1959 J. B.'s appearance in Los Angeles, KEFAUVER looking for J. B., house in Phoenix and Scottsdale, VALACHI starting to squeal and to talk, mentioned J. B., cheese in Wisconsin, assist (or assets) in Montreal, trapped in Montreal, released in Chicago, subpoena to New York, appearance three or four times, return from Montreal, MAGADDINO-COLUMBO-LUCCHESI alliance with GIANCANA, Chicago against J. B. because J. B. accused to help PROFACI and now MAGLIOCCO, send SALVATORE to help, order to appear again in October 1964, J. B. was kidnapped, kept in (?) house on Parkway, 18 months, made appearance in 1966, bond \$150,000, so called BONANNO war, SALVATORE came Tucson, arrested, tremendous pressure from the FBI, bad. (?) with FBI, 1968 heart attack, FBI [redacted] FBI [redacted] before Judge FREY, and the result, Judge FREY became Federal Judge, 1971 SALVATORE New York trial, business in California, 1977 illegal wiretap, suffering in 1978-79. Appearance before Judge FREY. [redacted] Illegal wiretap

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deposition. Revocation of probation, injustice, destruction of all the businesses, jail Safford, Arizona, suffering with subpoena to California and here in Tucson, surveillance, harrassment, SCORDATE birthday FBI, aggravation, appearance in Tucson [REDACTED] 1979 deposition, life in Tucson, harrassment."

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The following is an interpretation of the above:

BONANNO obviously believes that when the Commission was initially formed, there was trust between members but that sometime thereafter deterioration of this trust set in. In 1950 Senator ESTES KEFAUVER of Tennessee initiated a Crime Investigating Committee with national television which attempted to locate BONANNO and force his appearance before the Committee. CHARLES "LUCKY" LUCIANO was deported from the United States. FRANK COSTELLO and ALBERT ANASTASIA, both leaders of organized crime in New York, were the subjects of assassination attempts with COSTELLO living and ANASTASIA dying. In November 1957 the so called Apalachin Meeting was held at the residence of JOSEPH BARBARA in upstate New York and was attended by most of the top leaders of organized crime throughout the United States. Following the Apalachin Meeting, there was a trial for obstruction of justice of many of the leaders who attended and who refused to furnish information concerning the nature of the meeting. Shortly thereafter, BONANNO suffered a heart attack. Although BONANNO appears to refer "KEFAUVER looking for J. B. in 1959", he obviously mistakes KEFAUVER for Senator MC CLELLAN of Arkansas who headed the Senate Rackets Committee in 1959 and used the FBI to serve subpoenas on top leaders of organized crime throughout the country whose testimony was desired before the MC CLELLAN Committee. Apparently while the Senate Rackets Committee attempted to locate BONANNO, he was hiding in a house in Phoenix and/or Scottsdale. BONANNO then refers to JOSEPH VALACHI, who testified before the Senate Committee concerning his knowledge of organized crime and who testified concerning BONANNO in this regard. BONANNO mentions "cheese in Wisconsin" apparently referring to the Grande Cheese Company in Wisconsin in which he has an interest.

In the summer of 1964, BONANNO traveled to Canada where he was charged with being an illegal alien. He spent six or seven weeks there under a deportation order and when he was released, was placed on an airplane with the first stop in Chicago where

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he was served a subpoena by Chicago FBI Agents [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] he was apparently the subject of an inquiry by the Commission who from what he says apparently formed a three man committee of the Commission to investigate the charges against him. Apparently the charges were brought by MAGADDINO, JOE COLUMBO, and TOMMY LUCCHESI in alliance with SAM GIANCANA, who in 1964 was the boss of organized crime in Chicago. Apparently part of the charges against BONANNO were that in some way he assisted JOSEPH PROFACI and MAGLIOCCO, upper echelon leaders of organized crime in New York. When he was again ordered to appear in October of '64, BONANNO claims that he was kidnapped and that apparently he was kept in a house on "Parkway for eighteen months". This may have been Pelham Parkway. He then made an appearance before [REDACTED] 1966, some 18 months after his disappearance and was released on \$150,000 bond. His son, SALVATORE, also called BILL, came to Tucson at this period of time and was arrested by the FBI at the Spanish Trail Motel on the south side of Tucson.

BONANNO then expresses the fact that "tremendous pressure" was put on by the FBI and that a bad situation occurred with the FBI inasmuch as FBI Agent [REDACTED] allegedly headed a group which placed bombs at the BONANNO residence and at the residence and businesses of several other leaders of organized crime in Tucson. Judge WILLIAM C. FREY, Pima County Superior Court Judge, was the judicial officer who presided over the case [REDACTED] which resulted in a favorable verdict [REDACTED] and which resulted, in the opinion of BONANNO, in Judge FREY becoming a federal judge. BONANNO discusses "business in California" and later "destruction of all businesses", apparently a reference to the fact that his sons, SALVATORE (BILL) and JOSEPH, JR. had businesses in California. It is noted that these businesses, Kachina Fashions and U. S. Mattress Company, are the subject of the current federal investigation for obstruction of justice against BONANNO.

BONANNO then discusses his current problems [REDACTED] [REDACTED] in Tucson and in San Francisco. His reference to [REDACTED] is a reference to Strike Force Attorney [REDACTED] who is in charge of the San Francisco phase of the investigation of BONANNO. His reference [REDACTED] is a reference to his

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personal physician, who has claimed that BONANNO is too ill to appear [redacted] His mention of "revocation of probation, injustice" is a reference to the fact that the probation of his two sons was revoked in the summer of 1978 and they were sentenced to serve prison terms at Safford, Arizona and at McNeill Island in California where they are currently are incarcerated. His reference to "suffering with subpoena to California and here in Tucson" is obviously a reference to the subpoenas which have been served on him in Tucson calling for appearances in San Francisco and in Tucson. His references to "surveillance, harrassment" appear - to be a reference to the fact that during October 1978 BONANNO was the subject of an intensive physical surveillance instituted - by the Phoenix Division with the help of the Arizona Drug Control District during which his activity was closely monitored. His reference to "SCORDATO, birthday, FBI" refers to the fact that on his birthday in 1979 he became aware of the fact that the FBI was knowledgeable concerning the fact that he held his birthday party at SCORDATO's Restaurant, one of Tucson's two or three leading restaurants. His reference [redacted] is a reference to the FBI Agent who is the Case Agent in instant investigation. b3 b6 b7C

His reference to a 1979 deposition is a reference to the deposition he gave on March 1, 1979 in Federal Court concerning his knowledge or lack thereof of his sons' businesses in California. His reference to "life in Tucson, harrassment" obviously appears to be his opinion of his current lifestyle.

In another place in the documents, BONANNO writes about how "CHARLIE LUCKY became boss".in 1933. He describes how MEYER LANSKY made a trip to Chicago with BONANNO and with BUGSY SIEGAL. He describes how CAPONE became the boss in "Lexington Hotel, AL CAPONE and bosses from all over the U. S., peace party, all paid by AL CAPONE". It is noted that the reference to MEYER LANSKY and BUGSY SIEGAL are two upper echelon leaders of organized crime in New York in the past and the reference to the Lexington Hotel is a reference to the former headquarters of AL CAPONE on South Michigan Avenue at 22nd Street, which was also known from time to time as the New Michigan Hotel.

In another place, BONANNO describes how he was introduced to President ROOSEVELT and to two top leaders of Tamany Hall, the leading Democratic organization in New York City in the 1930s.

BONANNO describes how when "the FBI was looking for me in 1950 or 1951 I was hiding in Phoenix in DE CONCINI for to introduce me to other judges". Later in the same narrative he describes how "the FBI pursuing me. They lost us (CHARLIE B.) in Dallas." He describes how he went from Dallas to St. Louis,

Missouri..... to Wisconsin, Madison and Rochester Minnesota Clinic, New Orleans, Cuba, Batista guest". This apparently again refers to the fact that in 1950 or '51 when BONANNO was the subject of a subpoena commanding his appearance before the KEFAUVER Committee, he evaded the subpoena. The reference to DE CONCINI is apparently a reference to Judge EVO DE CONCINI, the father of United States Senator DENNIS DE CONCINI, Democrat from Arizona. Reference to CHARLIE B. is apparently a reference to CHARLES BATTAGLIA who in the 1950s was a top lieutenant of BONANNO but who now has fallen from BONANNO's grace.

Elsewhere in his writings, BONANNO describes a Commission meeting between ALBERT ANASTASIA, VITO GENOVESE, STEVE MAGADDINO, and JOE BONANNO to settle a New York dispute. He writes that "VITO was boss of bosses at that time". This was perhaps in the 1950s. He describes how CARLO was elected to the Commission shortly before the Apalachin Meeting which was called by LUCCHESI and (illegible). He writes that at the Apalachin Meeting SAM GIANCANA, who had been "active with ALBERT" said he felt offended by J. B. This is followed by the words "and SAM revenge against J. B. during J. B. kidnapping".

In interpreting the above, it appears that the references to all of the above are to leaders of organized crime in New York at the time and that the reference to CARLO is a reference to CARLO GAMBINO, another upper echelon leader of organized crime in New York. The reference to SAM GIANCANA is obviously a reference to the leader of organized crime in Chicago from 1957 through 1965. BONANNO writes that in 1963 JOE PROFACI was replaced as boss. "CARL and TOM LUCCHESI against". These are obviously references to the leaders of organized crime in New York with CARL being a reference to CARLO GAMBINO.

BONANNO then describes his problems in 1964-66 with the Commission. This narrative is confused but it is possible he was accused of some type of negligence and possibly of killing three people. He mentions ANGELO BRUNO and SANTO TRAFFICANTE as playing roles as Commission members in this dispute, possibly as members with GIANCANA who were assigned by the Commission to settle this dispute. BONANNO writes, however, that he tried to make contact with these three but they declined. Later in this context he mentions "CARL and TOM" who apparently "told that I was going to kill the three - a dirty and desperate conspiracy." Later, at

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this part of his narrative, BONANNO writes "they didn't have any official authorization because J. B. was official member of the Commission. J. B. was the head of the committee who elected the Commission every five years. The five years was already passed and they were all out. As J. B. was the only one official to call". Later he writes "The Commission voted against J. B."

In interpretation of this portion of the narrative, it would appear that in the period of time in the mid sixties described supra when BONANNO was in a dispute with other members of the Commission, that the Commission formed a committee consisting of ANGELO BRUNO, the leader of organized crime in Philadelphia; SANTO TRAFFICANTE, the leader of organized crime in Florida, and of SAM GIANCANA, the leader of organized crime in Chicago to investigate the charges against BONANNO and report to the Commission. However, BONANNO makes the point that inasmuch as he was the head of what appears to be the nominating committee of the Commission to elect members and inasmuch as the constitution of the Commission calls for election every five years, and inasmuch as it had been more than five years before he had called the nominating committee to order, that these individuals were operating ex-officio and without authority to pass judgement on him.

BONANNO then continues his narrative discussing JOSEPH VALACHI, "a stool pidgeon who lied on many things to save his skin". BONANNO then talks of "audience with POPE..... Bishop SPELLMAN". It is noted that elsewhere in the narrative he refers to the fact that when he came to Tucson in 1942 he was given a letter of introduction by Bishop SPELLMAN to the Bishop of Tucson. It is also noted that located in the front hallway of BONANNO's residence in Tucson is a framed copy of a Plenery Indulgence from Pope Pius to "JOSEPH and FAY BONANNO".

BONANNO then concludes his narrative with a series of 25 notes concerning his current problems revolving around his subpoenas [redacted] in San Francisco and Tucson. He discusses his belief that [redacted] the Strike Force Attorney in San Francisco, who is in charge of the San Francisco phase of this investigation, has devised a "dishonest strategy" and has "fabricated a dishonest conspiracy against me". He writes that the time sequence involved in the service of subpoenas on him "on September 5, 1978 by FBI Agent [redacted] and "on October 13, 1978 when [redacted] blocked my very private

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driveway entrance" somehow shows the nature of this conspiracy.

It should be noted that a review of these notes does not show that BONANNO discusses in any way his strategy in defending the proceedings against him and therefore there appears to be no problem with any violation of his rights involved in the receipt of these notes.

It should be noted that also contained in BONANNO's "buc" were various other documents which are not being furnished the Bureau for translation and transcription. Among these is a lengthy list which is headed "Names and Addresses". This list consists of the names and addresses of numerous judges, legislators, a Congressman, state, county, and city officials, businessmen, leaders of the clergy, bankers, physicians, a police commissioner, his accountant, and others.

As is noted, the Phoenix Division has made a complete review and analysis of what appears to be BONANNO's autobiography. During the part concerning the Sicilian origins of the Mafia, it appears that he has conducted some research and that what he has copied in his own handwriting appears to him to be the accurate history of the formation of the Mafia in Sicily. The rest of the narrative appears to be done without recourse to any other source and appears to be the obvious recollections of BONANNO throughout his history as a leader of organized crime in New York and Tucson. Obviously, there could be hardly any other person who would be more knowledgeable concerning the subject matter of which BONANNO writes. It is noted that his father was a Mafia Don in Sicily and that BONANNO currently is the only active charter member of the Commission, he being generally believed to have been elected a member of the Commission as the leader of one of the five New York families when the Commission was formed in or about 1931. In addition to all this, BONANNO is college educated, a highly intelligent individual and a prolific writer.

A copy of this communication is being directed to all offices where individuals are mentioned by BONANNO. The Bureau is requested to furnish to each of these offices and to the Phoenix Division the results of their transcription of this manuscript.

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3/23/79

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: ADIC, NEW YORK (183-1212) (P)

SUBJECT: JOSEPH CHARLES BONANNO, JR.;
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RePXteletype to NY, 3/14/79 and PXairtel to NY,
3/8/79.

All communications before November 20, 1978, regarding captioned case cannot be located at the NYO. Attempts to locate NY 183-1212 which contain these serials have been negative. It is requested that Phoenix forward xerox copies of any New York communications, dated before 11/20/78, to the NYO.

Logical sources of information have been contacted regarding [redacted] These contacts have had negative results.

It is to be noted that interviews with [redacted] [redacted] CARMINE GALANTE will not be conducted by New York due to their uncooperative attitude when approached in the past. If these interviews are necessary to captioned case, it is suggested that subpoenas be forwarded to New York.

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All other investigation regarding this case will be forwarded to Phoenix upon completion.

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AT TUCSON, ARIZONA. Will forward xerox copies of all communications between New York and Phoenix dated before 11/20/79 to the NYO.

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Date 3/28/79

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (183-1001)
 FROM: SAC, PHOENIX (183-93) (P)

SUBJECT: JOSEPH CHARLES BONANNO, SR.;
 JOSEPH CHARLES BONANNO, JR.;
 SALVATORE VINCENT BONANNO;

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Remytel 3/22/79 and Phoenix airtel, 3/8/79.

For information of all offices not having received prior correspondence, the Tucson Resident Agency of the Phoenix Division executed a search warrant on the premises of captioned subject at 255 Sierra Vista, Tucson, Arizona on 3/17/79.

During the course of the search, hundreds of documents were taken and/or copied. Many of these pertained to captioned investigation and were evidentiary thereto. Moreover, however, there were hundreds of pages of personal notes of BONANNO which set out in explicit detail his recollections of the history of organized crime. His memoirs start with the formation of the Mafia in Sicily, it being noted that he gets some of this first-hand from his father, a Mafia Don in Sicily in the late 1980s

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and early 1900s. More importantly, he traces the history of the Commission, the ruling body of organized crime in the U. S. since it was organized in 1931. It is noted that he is an authority on the Commission since he was a charter member, elected as the first one nominated to it, and in the 1950s and 1960s he was the chairman of the nominating committee of the Commission. He names members of the Commission and the nature of some of their meetings. He identifies factions and enmities within the Commission.

At the conclusion of the search on 3/17/79, it was the feeling of the Agents conducting the search, some of whom have been assigned exclusively to organized crime investigations since the inception of the program in 1957, that should leaders of organized crime throughout the country learn of the quality and quantity of the items taken and copied from BONANNO's "Buco" (safe), they would have a significant reaction, perhaps including imposition of their ultimate penalty.

In this regard, the search has been the subject of considerable press in Arizona and perhaps nationwide. The fact of the search itself was reported by reporters near the scene during the all day search and some sense of the magnitude of the search was portrayed when the press mentioned its lengthy duration and the fact that a copying machine and a large truck were used during the day.

Information has now been received [redacted] that the day following the search, associates of BONANNO [redacted] had a lengthy meeting. In this connection, it is noted that BONANNO continues to associate with LCN members from various parts of the country and has certain individuals working under his aegis throughout the country and Canada. This is particularly true in New York, Denver, California and Miami, as well as Canada.

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All offices receiving this communication will be alert to any Commission meeting or meeting of leaders in their area pertaining to the significant information obtained from the BONANNO Buco. In view of the explosive nature of this information, it is expected that should its magnitude become known to the LCN including the naming of names and details of some meetings, the Commission may decide on sanctions against BONANNO. Should that occur, it could well be used as a lever during an approach to BONANNO leading toward his development under the TECIP.

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Those seven offices who were requested to conduct interviews of associates of BONANNO in remyaairtel are requested to expedite these interviews. During the interviews, it is suggested that questions be put to the interviewees with a view toward ascertaining whether the fact of the search of the BONANNO Buco is generally well known around the country and toward gauging the reaction attendant thereto.

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JOSEPH CHARLES BONANNO, AKA ET AL. RICO (A). OO: PX.

RE PX AIRTELN MARCH 8, 1979, AND PX AIRTEL, MARCH 28, 1979.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES DURING THE INTERVIEWS REQUESTED
IN PX AIRTEL MARCH 8, 1979 SHOULD MENTION BE MADE OF THE
CONTENTS OF THE SEARCH CONDUCTED AT THE BONANNO RESIDENCE ON
MARCH, 17, 1979. NOTHING SHOULD BE DONE DURING COURSE OF

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INTERVIEW TO MAKE IT APPEAR FBI IS ADVISING INTERVIEWEES OF
NATURE OF PRODUCT OF SEARCH SO AS TO CAUSE BONANNO PROBLEMS
WITH HIS ASSOCIATES IN LCN.

HOWEVER, SHOULD SUCH INFORMATION RE THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF
PRODUCT OF SEARCH BE VOLUNTEERED DURING COURSE OF INTERVIEW,
SUCH INFORMATION SHOULD BE REPORTED TO OFFICE OF ORIGIN.

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4/5/79

TO: SAC, PHOENIX (183-93)
FROM: ADIC, NEW YORK (183-1212) (P)
SUBJECT: JOSEPH CHARLES BONANNO, SR.,
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(OO:PX)

RePXairtel to New York, dated 3/28/79.

On 3/29/79, [REDACTED] (CARMINE GALANTE's Attorney), of the law firm Saxe, Bacon, Bolan and Manley, 39 East 68th Street, was contacted and was advised to question GALANTE concerning JOE BONANNO's influence in the cheese industry, specifically Saputo Cheese in Montreal, Canada.

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On 3/30/79, [REDACTED] contacted SA [REDACTED] and advised that GALANTE is not familiar with Saputo Cheese Company or JOE BONANNO's influence in the cheese industry.

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Attempts to locate and interview [REDACTED] have had negative results. Contact with the NYCPD indicates that [REDACTED] is not frequenting his residence [REDACTED] in NYC, and the NYCPD is currently unaware [REDACTED] present residence. It is to be noted that [REDACTED] was advised that the FBI was also interested in interviewing [REDACTED] concerning the cheese industry, and [REDACTED] has probably been made aware of this fact through GALANTE. New York will continue attempts to locate [REDACTED] to interview him regarding the cheese industry.

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OO: PHOENIX.

RE PHOENIX AIRTEL TO THE BUREAU, MARCH 22, 1979.

BUREAU AND RECEIVING OFFICES ARE AWARE OF SEARCH OF SUBJECT, BONANNO'S, RESIDENCE, AT TUCSON, ARIZONA, ON MARCH 17, 1979.

MOTIONS WERE FILED BY U.S. GOVERNMENT TO HAVE AFFIDAVIT FOR SEARCH WARRANT SEALED BY U.S. MAGISTRATE AT TUCSON UNTIL AFTER INDICTMENT OF SUBJECT.

AMONG OTHER THINGS, AFFIDAVIT FOR SEARCH WARRANT WILL DISCLOSE "TRASH COVER" WHICH HAS BEEN CONDUCTED ON BONANNO, SR.'S, RESIDENCE FOR MORE THAN THREE YEARS BY THE ARIZONA DRUG CONTROL DISTRICT, NARCOTICS STRIKE FORCE, AT TUCSON. AFFIDAVIT WILL REVEAL THE LENGTH OF TIME "TRASH COVER" IN EXISTENCE, METHOD OF PICKUP, AND TRANSCRIBED NOTES OF SUBJECT OBTAINED. THE AFFIDAVIT IS BASICALLY SELF-EXPLANATORY AND PHOENIX FBI OFFICE ANTICIPATES MAKING NO PRESS RELEASES CONCERNING AFFIDAVIT.

ON APRIL 13, 1979, U.S. MAGISTRATE, TUCSON, ARIZONA, ORDERED AFFIDAVIT RELEASED TO SUBJECT'S ATTORNEYS AND FILED WITH CLERK OF COURT. IT IS ANTICIPATED THIS INFORMATION CONCERNING THE

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"TRASH COVER" AND THE FACT THAT BONANNO, SR., ACTUALLY THREW AWAY NOTES OF HIS PLANNED ACTIVITIES WILL MAKE NATIONAL NEWS. THIS FACT WILL ALSO BE OF EXTREME CONCERN TO MEMBERS AND LEADERS OF THE LCN IN VIEW OF THE OBVIOUS BREACH OF SECURITY BONANNO HAS MADE.

RECEIVING OFFICES SHOULD REPORT ANY SIGNIFICANT SOURCE INFORMATION CONCERNING BONANNO, SR., TO THE BUREAU AND PHOENIX.

ON APRIL 13, 1979, AGENTS OF THE ARIZONA NARCOTICS STRIKE FORCE, TUCSON, REPORTED RECEIVING INFORMATION FROM A SOURCE WHO HAD CONTACTED AN "UNUSUALLY RELIABLE SOURCE", WHO HAS BEEN CLOSE TO JOSEPH BONANNO, SR., IN THE PAST, INDICATING THAT THE FOLLOWING WILL HAPPZOPWHEN THE "TRASH COVER" AND ITS CONTENTS ARE MADE PUBLIC:

1. A COUNCIL (NOT LA COSA NOSTRA COMMISSION) MEETING OF SICILIAN DONS WILL BE CALLED TO DEAL WITHIN A MATTER OF WEEKS AND POSSIBLY DAYS WITH THE BONANNO PROBLEM.

INVITED TO THIS MEETING WILL BE SANTOS TRAFFICANTE; CARLOS MARCELLO; DON PEPPINO MODICA OF BOSTON (IF HE IS STILL ALIVE); AT LEAST TWO DONS OF THE SICILIAN MAFIA INCLUDING NINO MAGADDINO

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OF CASTELLEMARE DEL GOLFO, BONANNO'S TRUSTED FRIEND. THE SICILIAN MEMBERS OF THIS COMMISSION WILL ENTER THE COUNTRY ILLEGALLY AND QUIETLY AND PROBABLY MEET WITH ONE OR MORE PARTICIPANTS OF THE COUNCIL AT A PRELIMINARY MEETING; AN 80 YEAR OLD DON, IF STILL LIVING, FROM FT. LAUDERDALE (KNOWN BY SOURCE TO BE ALIVE TWO YEARS AGO); AT LEAST ONE SICILIAN FROM CANADA (THE MEET MAY EVEN BE HELD IN CANADA) AND, IF ANY REMAIN ALIVE, ONE OR MORE OLDER SICILIAN DONS FROM THE NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY AREA.

THE COUNCIL WILL DECIDE ON BONANNO'S FATE AND ALMOST CERTAINLY WILL ORDER HIS ASSASSINATION FOR WHAT HE HAS DONE, FOR BREAKING THE CODE OF SECURITY OF THE MAFIA.

IT SHOULD BE NOTED HERE THAT IT WAS JUST SUCH A COUNCIL OF DONS THAT SAVED BONANNO'S LIFE WHEN HE WAS KIDNAPED DURING THE SIXTIES.

SOURCE SAYS THAT BONANNO WAS FIRST A MEMBER OF THE SICILIAN MAFIA OF CASTELLEMARE DEL GOLFO BEFORE BECOMING A U.S. MAFIOSO. ONLY SICILIAN BORN MEMBERS OF THE SICILIAN AND LATER AMERICANIZED VERSION OF THE MAFIA CAN, AS A RESULT, DECIDE HIS FATE. AMERICAN

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CRIME BOSSES AND THEIR COMMISSION WILL GET THE RULING FROM THE COUNCIL AND CARRY OUT ITS ORDER.

THE COUNCIL MAY TAKE PLACE IN TWO PARTS WITH THE SICILIAN REPRESENTATIVES MEETING WITH ONE OR TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FINAL COUNCIL. HE OR MORE THAN ONE WILL CARRY THE WORD OF THE SICILIAN MAFIA DONS TO THE STATES. THE SECOND COUNCIL WILL COME LATER AND DISCUSS THE VOTE, ASSIGNING THE FAMILY AND THE METHOD BY WHICH THE ASSASSINATION IS TO BE CARRIED OUT.

THE HIT MEN WILL MOST LIKELY COME, SOURCE CONTENDS, FROM THE NEW ENGLAND OR NEW YORK AREA, THAT IS THE PATRIARCA, GALANTE, OR GENOVESE FAMILIES. THEY MAY INCLUDE IMPORTED SICILIAN ALIEN HIT MEN AND THE SET UP MAN WILL BE SOMEONE VERY CLOSE TO BONANNO WHO HE TRUSTS.

SOURCE FURTHER STATED THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSONS COULD BE INVOLVED IN THE MEETING AND/OR THE AFTERMATH: RAYMOND PATRIARCA, SANTOS TRAFFICANTE, CARLOS MARCELLO, CARMINE GALANTE, SOMEONE IN THE HIGHER ECHELON OF THE COTRONI FAMILY, ANTHONY ACCARDO, DON MODICA, AND ANY KNOWN ELDER SICILIAN

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BORN DONS IN UPPER OR LOWER NEW YORK STATE, NEW JERSEY, MICHIGAN,
OR FLORIDA.

THE ABOVE SOURCE INFORMATION IS KNOWN TO COME FROM A
USUALLY RELIABLE SOURCE AND IS HIS SPECULATION ON WHAT COULD
HAPPEN CONCERNING THE PUBLICITY CONNECTED WITH THE "TRASH
COVER".

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Mafia Seen 'Judging' Bonanno

By Tom Renner

The Sicilian Mafia will meet somewhere in the United States to sit in judgment and decide the fate of organized crime superboss Joseph (Joe Bonannas) Bonanno, federal agents and former federal informer Vincent Teresa predict.

Bonanno might have signed his own death warrant by letting handwritten notes and correspondence

from Mafia crime figures fall into the hands of the Arizona Narcotics Strike Force, according to Teresa, who was considered to be the third-ranking member of the Raymond Patriarca crime family, taking orders from jailed Patriarca underboss Henry Tammeleo. Newsday reported Saturday that law enforcement agencies collected thousands of papers from the trash outside Bonanno's Tucson home from 1975 until recently, as part of an in-

vestigation that sources say has uncovered a multi-million-dollar criminal empire stretching from Sicily to the United States, South America and the Middle East.

"They gotta kill him for what he's done," Teresa told a Newsday reporter, "but the only ones who can sit in judgment on him is a Council of Dons—Sicilian-born dons—who can sit as equals with the Old Man [Bonanno]." He predicted that there would be a



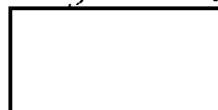
Federal Informer Vincent Teresa, shown in a 1971 photo, above, says American and Sicilian organized crime leaders will meet to decide the fate of Joseph (Joe Bonannas) Bonanno, seen entering a Tucson, Ariz., drugstore to use the phone booth.



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meeting in the United States of the remaining Sicilian-born dons, all of whom are very old, as well as some Sicilian dons who still live in Sicily, who will secretly enter the country for the meeting. Attending that meeting will be representatives of the American Cosa Nostra, which, Teresa and federal sources contend, is subservient to the Sicilian Mafia. Those from the Cosa Nostra who might attend such a meeting include Santos Trafficante, Florida crime boss, and Carlos Marcello, Louisiana crime boss; the senior members of the Cosa Nostra. But, Teresa said, "The dons, the Sicilians, they are the only ones who can put the 'X' on Bonanno." Federal agents confirmed Teresa's assessment of the situation.

Teresa said he learned from Tameleo, a close friend of Bonanno, that Bonanno is a member of the Sicilian Mafia. He said when Bonanno, in 1963, plotted to murder three New York crime bosses—Carlo Gambino, Thomas Luchese and Stefano Magaddino—his fate had to be decided by the Sicilian dons.

Teresa said while Magaddino arranged his kidnaping and Patriarca provided him with a secure hiding place in Haiti through the late dictator Francois (Papa Doc) Duvalier, neither Magaddino nor the Cosa Nostra Commission [ruling body] could decide his fate.

"They held a Council of Dons in...
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Santos Trafficante, left, of Florida, and Carlos Marcello, of Louisiana, are among the organized crime leaders who are expected to sit in judgment on Bonanno, federal authorities said.

Mafia Is Expected To Judge Bonanno

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Buffalo," Teresa said. The Dons, all Sicilian born, were brought to Buffalo for a conference with Magaddino. Teresa said he drove two of them, Joseph (Don Peppino) Modica and Nazzarene (Don Nene) Turrugg, both of Boston, to Buffalo. The two dons had met earlier in Boston at what Teresa described as "a roundtable." Also at that "roundtable" were Michael (Mike the Wiseguy) Rocco, Joseph Lombardo, Joseph (Joe Burns) Anselmo, Frank (the Cheese Man) Cucchiara, all members of the Sicilian Mafia, and an unidentified Sicilian don living in Maine. Teresa said that the dons already had received an opinion from Philip Bruccola, the former boss of the Patriarca family who had retired to Sicily and was too ill to return to the United States for the meeting.

"When the [Buffalo] meeting ended," Teresa said, "Tameleo came out and said to me, 'I think Joe's going to be all right.' He was. They kept him in Haiti for a while and then ordered him to go to Arizona. He kept his business interests in New York and the east, but he wasn't allowed to run a family in New York any more. He's alive today because of that meeting on Hanover Street [in Boston] and in Buffalo. What he's done now, though, is bring shame on the Mafia. That's something they don't tolerate. He's gotta pay the price sooner or later."

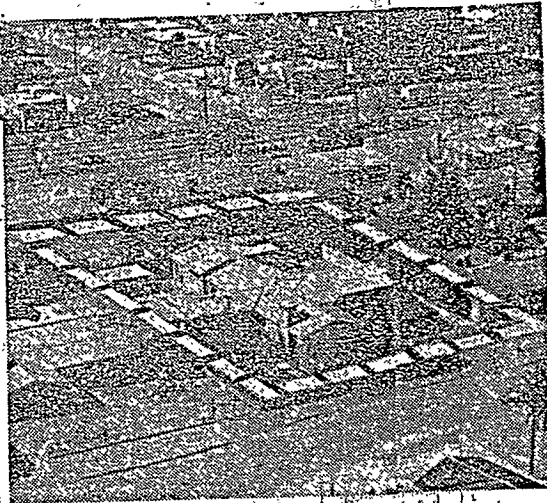
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Bonanno, however, has not been ~~CONTENT~~ ^{Simple} to remain alive, federal sources said, and always has plotted his return to power. He has "loyal friends" in every family and he still controls the top-ranking members of his old New York family. When Carmine Galante was freed from prison, Bonanno ordered his associates to make Galante their new boss. Galante, now New York's most powerful crime leader, was the cornerstone of Bonanno's plan to seize ultimate power in the Cosa Nostra. While Galante whipped weaker bosses of New York into submission to his will, Bonanno was believed to have paved Galante's way for a series of meetings with crime bosses or their couriers designed to consolidate Bonanno's influence and Galante's rise to power in the east. At the same time, Bonanno was observed meeting with crime figures in California who controlled families on the West Coast, in Colorado, Chicago and Canada. With their support, Bonanno emerged as a "superdon" with enormous power, carefully hidden behind the facade of a retired businessman in Tucson.

Bonanno's link with known Sicilian Mafia dons has been confirmed in notes and letters found in the garbage, according to police and federal sources. One Sicilian don who reportedly communicated by letter with Bonanno was Lino Magaddino, identified by Teresa as a member of the Sicilian Mafia. The letter followed a clandestine route before reaching Bonanno. The sources said Magaddino lived in Castellmare del Golfo, but his letter was routed by way of Buenos Aires to a contact in Tucson before reaching Bonanno, who apparently had more faith in the sanctity of his garbage than that of his mail. There are many such letters from known and suspected Mafia figures. One recent message came from the Sicilian Mafia in a postcard. The writer expressed his regrets at not finding Bonanno at home when he visited Tucson this year, but sent "the regards" of Bonanno's fellow members of the "society" to their good friend, "Don Peppino," the Mafia nickname for Bonanno.

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house shown below. Law-enforcement officials photographed Bonanno getting into his Cadillac, right.



Probe Bares Vast Crime Empire

Ex-New York mob boss Bonanno called key figure in international operation

By Tom Renner

A four-year investigation of crime boss Joseph Bonanno by Arizona and federal authorities has uncovered a multimillion-dollar criminal empire stretching from Sicily to the United States, South America and the Middle East.

The investigation, which began when Arizona Narcotics Strike Force agents began collecting and examining Bonanno's trash in December, 1975, involves law-enforcement agencies from eight states, two foreign countries and the federal government. Much of the evidence detailing the influence of Bonanno, 75, comes from his own handwritten notes, recovered from the trash.

Arizona and federal law-enforcement sources said that the notes, along with surveillance, legal wiretaps, a search of Bonanno's Tucson home and international investigations, had uncovered a complex criminal empire that is expected to lead to major arrests and indictments in several states and in Canada.

Among the major findings:

- On Feb. 15, 1977, agents recovered a Bonanno note giving a cryptic but accurate scenario for the murder of Frank Bompensiero, a San Diego crime boss. Bompensiero had been shot to death a few days earlier as he was leaving a telephone booth at which he regularly received calls and instructions from Bonanno. Law-enforcement sources say Bompensiero was a secret FBI informer.

- Bonanno has made huge profits from secret interests in an international cheese empire that virtually controls the flow of mozzarella, ricotta and other Italian specialty products.

- While Bonanno had been reported deposed as a crime boss in New York in 1964 for plotting the assassinations of three other eastern crime bosses, he not only remained an important Mafia leader, but may well have become the Mafia "Super Don" and adviser to organized crime in Canada and the U.S.

- Bonanno, widely known as Joe Bananas, was directly linked to the Mafia of Castellammare del Golfo, Sicily, where Bonanno was born and his

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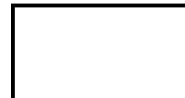
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father, Salvatore, was a member of the "Honored Society."

- Notes, documents and observations show that Bonanno's influence extends from coast to coast as well as into the Middle East, Europe, Mexico, South America and Canada.

- Documents indicate that Bonanno hid records of corporations owned by his sons and himself while those documents were being sought by federal grand juries in San Francisco and Tucson.

The disclosure that Bonanno had been writing notes about planned criminal activities came yesterday when U.S. Magistrate Raymond T. Terlizzi in Tucson made public an FBI affidavit authorizing the March 17 search of Bonanno's home. That affidavit, filed by Tucson FBI agent William Christensen, disclosed that Eugene Ehmann, an Arizona Narcotics Strike Force agent, had collected

Bonanno's trash twice a week since Dec. 8, 1975, from in front of Bonanno's \$80,000-home at 255 Sierra Vista Dr., Tucson. Ehmann collected the trash under the direction of strike force director Terry Grimble.

The affidavit said the agents recovered and pieced together torn notes, letters and other documents. The information was shared with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the FBI, police in Los Angeles, San Jose and New York City and the Pennsylvania Crime Commission.

The documents, Arizona and federal sources said, provided information that led to investigations in Canada, California, Pennsylvania and New York. Investigations in other states also are under way. Police and federal sources confirmed that the notes and letters identified Sicilian Mafia leaders from Castellemare del Golfo, business investments, couriers who

carried mob profits to Bonanno and other, possibly criminal, activities.

One of the most dramatic notes was the cryptic message recovered Feb. 15, 1977, five days after the murder of Bompensiero, who once had been Bonanno's close friend and confidant. Law-enforcement sources said the note is a reminder Bonanno wrote to himself to call his son Salvatore. It refers to a .22-cal. weapon of the type used to kill Bompensiero. The note also refers to a San Diego telephone booth and phone number used by Bompensiero on numerous occasions to receive calls from Bonanno, according to sources close to the investigation. That telephone booth, the sources said, is the one Bompensiero was leaving when he was shot.

An Arizona source said Bonanno had been observed several times making calls to the telephone in the San

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Message Said 'Void' Editor

The note found in Joseph Bonanno's garbage can in Tucson on March 29, 1977, was simple and direct: "Void Bob Green on Peter Licavoli."

The message was in Bonanno's handwriting.

At the time, Robert W. Greene of Newsday and a team from the Investigative Reporters and Editors organization had just completed a six-month probe of Arizona crime and corruption in the wake of the murder of Don Bolles, an Arizona newspaper reporter.

A few days earlier, newspapers throughout the nation had published stories by the Greene-led team, describing how Bonanno dominated crime in Arizona with the help of Licavoli, another underworld boss.

In the same batch of garbage, law-enforcement sources say, were other notes referring to the newspaper stories and arranging a payment to an underworld assassin. Terry Grimbale, director of the Arizona Narcotics Strike Force, and his assistant, Eugene Ehmann, concluded that Bonanno may have been ordering Greene's murder in retaliation.

Grimble and Ehmann had a difficult decision to make. Details of the Bonanno investigation and the fact that police were getting valuable evidence from the mobster's garbage were tightly guarded secrets. If made public, the information might stop an attempt against Greene's life, but would abort the Bonanno investigation, then 15 months old.

On March 31, Grimbale and Ehmann flew to Long Island and presented the information on the note and the background of the investigation to Greene and Tom Renner, Newsday's organized-crime specialist, who also had worked on the Arizona series. Newsday editors agreed to keep the information confidential.

The strike-force officials said two other notes written by Bonanno were found in the same batch of garbage. One read: "Call Titone work and pay Scannatore [cut-throat or slaughterer]."

The third note said: "Memo for Albert Krieger [Bonanno's attorney]. Tell I have all the bombing newspaper clips. I have all the 1970 investigative series in Phoenix by Don

Bolles that they [IRE] now continue."

On the same day, Suffolk authorities were told that Bonanno might try to have Greene murdered. For the next month, Greene was under constant protection by the Suffolk Police Intelligence Squad.

Each morning, before they followed him to work, detectives would spend up to 10 minutes in front of Greene's Kings Park home, checking his car for bombs. A Bonanno associate, during a trip to Suffolk from Phoenix, was visited by police and immediately flew back to Phoenix.

At one point, Greene had to go to Tucson to testify at a trial. Following instructions from the strike force, he flew first into Phoenix, where he was picked up by a strike-force plane and secretly flown into Tucson. He was under constant strike-force protection while in Tucson, and armed detectives guarded both the inside and outside of his motel room.

Suffolk Police Commissioner Donald Dilworth says that Greene, an assistant Newsday managing editor, remains under "loose" police protection on Long Island.

Diego booth from a public telephone booth in Tucson.

Once, agents overheard Bonanno shouting at Bompensiero. Later, Bompensiero was seen by California police arguing with James Fratianno at San Francisco International Airport. Fratianno, whom the FBI turned into a protected witness, has admitted sending killers to gun down Bompensiero at the telephone booth. Fratianno has been identified by law-enforcement sources as a middle-level hoodlum who carries out orders of Cosa Nostra bosses. He has refused to tell law-enforcement authorities who gave him the murder contract.

The recovered Bonanno notes are "gonna rock the mob to its roots," Vincent Teresa, a former federal informer who is considered an expert on the workings of organized crime, said yesterday. "No crime boss has ever put down on paper what he's gonna do or the names of people he's dealin' with. He [Bonanno] may have signed his own death warrant."

Teresa, who has been described as one of the federal government's most important witnesses on organized crime, said Bonanno never really was eliminated as a boss, although he had

bino, Thomas Luchese and Stefano Magaddino.

He said—and federal and police sources confirmed—that Bonanno is a member of the Sicilian Mafia, which outranks the Cosa Nostra of the United States. He said that when Bonanno was kidnaped in 1964 for plotting the murders, his fate was decided by Sicilian-born Mafia members.

Bonanno was sent to Arizona and stripped of his Cosa Nostra crime-family leadership in New York. But Teresa said the notes confirm that Bonanno remained a Mafia leader and continued to dictate policy to crime figures throughout the country. Teresa said the notes showed that Bonanno had Carmine Galante installed as boss of what had been Bonanno's crime family. Galante had been Bonanno's underboss and organizer of a criminal empire in Montreal, Canada.

The filed federal affidavit, made public yesterday, says Bonanno's discarded notes had provided the FBI with evidence that he and his jailed sons, Salvatore and Joseph Jr., were withholding records and information when they appeared before federal

Francisco.

The affidavit discloses that Bonanno held financial and tax records of six corporations that the juries were investigating for the laundering of illicit mob money. The companies were used to defraud creditors and sell stolen property, the affidavit alleges. The affidavit says that the corporations controlled by Bonanno and his sons include U.S. Mattress and Furniture Co., Kachina Enterprises and its successor, Los Gatós Construction Co.; Kachina Fashions and its retail outlets, Cathouse Boutiques, and Simons & Lobue Gallery Inc. (an art gallery).

The FBI's Christensen, who worked with the Arizona strike force, said in the affidavit that Bonanno's notes showed that he "was making decisions and giving instructions to his son, Salvatore, on how the ownership of the [U.S. Mattress] company should be set up on paper and who would really own and control the company behind the 'fronts.'"

Christensen said Bonanno appeared before a Tucson federal grand jury on March 1 and "stated he was not the custodian of records of any of the companies" listed on federal sub-



Bonanno wrote a note that gave a cryptic but accurate scenario for the murder of Frank Bompensiero, above left. James Fratianno, above center, has admitted sending killers to gun down Bompensiero. Vincent Teresa says the discovered notes are going to "rock the mob to its roots." A government affidavit says Bonanno's sons, Salvatore, top right, and Joe Jr., right, withheld information from a grand jury.

agents between Sept. 1, 1978, and March 16, 1979, indicated that Bonanno was holding the records.

One document recovered from the trash was a promissory note for \$20,000, payable by Kachina Fashions to Bonanno on demand. In another note, Bonanno instructed Karen Bonanno, the wife of his son Joseph Jr., to hide "your scanzalora [weapon] and your gold . . . put in metal box and save at father's house. OK." He then told her to use a public telephone booth at a hospital to receive his calls and instructions.

Another note ordered her to recover Joseph Jr.'s "black travel brief" and put all the gold and valuables from the case into a paper bag and then into a metal box at her parents' home in Los Gatos, Calif.

Official: Mob Earns Millions in Conn.

Mobsters are earning millions of dollars annually in Connecticut and sending it to their crime families in New York, Rhode Island and New Jersey, according to a report by Connecticut authorities.

The report, published yesterday by the Bridgeport, Conn., newspaper, quotes Chief State's Attorney Austin McGuigan as saying that criminals are skimming large sums—\$800 million annually in illegal gambling alone—from Connecticut, with most of it returning to New York City. The report says at least 29 persons from five organized-crime families in the city are operating in Connecticut.

McGuigan says in the report that the mob's income includes proceeds from nontaxed cigarettes, trash carting, the "fencing" of stolen property, narcotics and prostitution. "Criminals are becoming more sophisticated," he says. "The complexity of crime is growing, the scams are better . . . They're growing into new areas."

Connecticut law-enforcement officials are seeking new ways to deal with organized crime, including legislation that would allow expanded electronic surveillance and wiretaps, and expansion of the 21-member Statewide Organized Crime Investigative Task Force.

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In Crime Probe

By Tom Renner

Arizona Narcotics Strike Force agents and investigators from nearly a dozen law-enforcement agencies used notes retrieved from Joseph Bonanno's trash to keep tabs on the international criminal and business enterprises he influenced or controlled.

The notes, collected and pieced together from Dec. 8, 1975, until recently, outlined machinations that funneled money across international borders, arranged for meetings of major organized-crime figures and may have changed the face of the Cosa Nostra in the United States and Canada.

Among the revelations provided by the notes:



Cotroni



Salardino

• Bonanno jotted down reminders of meetings he planned with Canadian cheese business magnate Giuseppe Saputo (a Bonanno business partner and associate of the Vincent Cotroni crime family of Montreal) and Joseph Salardino, the late Colorado crime boss. The meetings were held at Lombardo's Restaurant in Long Beach, Calif., and generally were followed by major mob gatherings elsewhere in California and in Canada.

• Confirmation was discovered



Galante

that Bonanno had interests, first uncovered by Newsday, in a multimillion-dollar international cheese empire that virtually controlled supplies to pizza parlors from the East Coast to the West Coast. The pizzerias often were manned and operated by smuggled Sicilian aliens (many of them members of the Sicilian Mafia) who supported Bonanno.

• New York City police once watched the movements of a Bonanno relative in Elmont, Queens, for three days. The woman was suspected of being a courier who delivered New York mob profits to Bonanno. She eventually was seen boarding a flight to Tucson. Bonanno, who had written a note about the delivery, was waiting for her at the Tucson airport, and so were Arizona agents. They photographed Bonanno frenziedly picking up one piece of luggage while he directed redcaps to pick up other bags. A day later, the wrapper from a stack of \$1,000-bills was found in Bonanno's trash. It was traced to an East Coast federal reserve bank in a town where Bonanno was believed secretly to control a major cheese manufacturer.

There were other discoveries: A planned million-dollar takeover of a Cadillac dealership, a multimillion-dollar plan (later aborted) to establish

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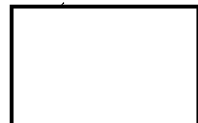
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a Mercedes dealership and the creation of corporations for Bonanno's sons, through which their father could launder profits.

Hundreds of letters were found, from the curious as well as Sicilian Mafiosi, along with notations to meet with "Cigaro," a nickname sometimes used by Bonanno's former underboss, Carmine Galante, now New York's most powerful crime leader.

In one letter, a Vietnam veteran offered his services to Bonanno as a "hitman." A letter from a Minnesota teacher asked Bonanno to pay part of his expenses to Arizona, where he hoped Bonanno would advise him on how to handle his students' drug problems.

Also found were offers of a coal-mine partnership in Pennsylvania and a \$5-million construction-company partnership in Arizona, as well as Bonanno's personal reminders to give liquor and cash to a Tucson building inspector who had inspected some of his real-estate holdings in Tucson.

Hundreds of the letters, sources close to the investigation said, came from known or suspected criminal associates and bore such postmarks as Cairo, Buenos Aires, Castellammare del Golfo and Palermo in Sicily, Miami, Fort Lauderdale, Ozone Park and Elmont. More than 1,000 names and subjects identified from Bonanno notes are cross-indexed in the Arizona Narcotics Strike Force files, sources said.

It was learned that police tracked down hundreds of telephone numbers that Bonanno had jotted on notes for calls he was to make from public telephone booths to public telephones in California (where meetings were planned), Montreal (where instructions were given to Cotroni mob members and cheese manufacturers he controlled) and to relatives in Amityville, New York City and other areas.

Law-enforcement agencies said the trash operation may be the most valuable weapon ever used against a crime boss and his associates. "It has produced unbelievably important leads and a better understanding of the power and influence of Bonanno," explained one law-enforcement officer who worked with the Arizona force on the project. "We know now that Joe was the one who put Carmine Galante where he is in New York and that Joe is the guy Galante answers to in the final analysis. That makes Joe Super Don."

From the day the operation began, no one in the Arizona Narcotics Strike Force or the FBI seriously believed that raiding the garbage cans of Mafia crime boss Joseph Bonanno would continue undetected for more than a few days.

But from Dec. 8, 1975, to Friday, when a search warrant affidavit was made public disclosing the trash-pickup operation, agents of the Arizona Narcotics Strike Force continued their twice weekly pickups without Bonanno's knowledge. From the thousands of notes and documents recovered emerged a picture of a Mafia "godfather" whose criminal empire and web of influence stretched from Castellammare del Golfo (his birthplace) to Canada and California.

The idea for the "trash cover" emerged in the Tucson offices of the FBI, where Eugene Ehmann and William Christensen discussed the possibility of using the trash operation to track down Bonanno.
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However, when Ehmann left the FBI to join the Arizona Narcotics Strike Force, he broached the idea to that agency's director, Terry Grimble. They decided to go ahead because the project would not violate state rules.

"Everyone thought he was in retirement, I just never believed it," said a source close to the probe. "They [the strike force] thought it was worth a try . . . that they might come up with some worthwhile information on Bonanno's activities in narcotics."

Grimble and Ehmann sought the approval of then-Pima County Attorney Dennis DeConcini (now a U.S. Senator) after obtaining legal opinions supporting the legality of a search of a person's trash recovered on public property—the curbside.

Ehmann and Christensen studied the habits of Bonanno before the pickups began. They noted that Bonanno was a late riser, while his wife, Fay, attended 6:30 AM mass every day.

They found that Bonanno generally put his garbage out the night before a scheduled pickup, but occasionally put some out in the morning. They decided to pick up Bonanno's garbage at the last possible moment on Tuesdays and Fridays, often as late as 10 AM, just before city garbage-collection trucks were to arrive.

Using a van with sliding side doors, Ehmann and one other strike-force agent would pull up in front of Bonanno's high-walled home at 255 Sierra Vista Dr., Tucson. The side door would open and Ehmann, wearing plastic gloves, would step out and pull the garbage can in, emptying its contents into plastic bags. He would then replace Bonanno's garbage, neatly placed in paper bags from the El Rancho market, with garbage that the strike force already had collected and placed in El Rancho bags. The operation usually took less than 30 seconds.

There were many close calls, moments when Ehmann and his team were convinced they had been identified and Bonanno had been alerted.

Law-enforcement sources said that Peter Notaro, Bonanno's most trusted aide and confidant, once was at the house during a trash pickup. As agents pulled the garbage can into their van, Notaro walked to the front of the house. The agents closed the van door, certain Notaro would notice

The strike-force van was painted and repainted nearly a dozen times and given new markings, with magnetic signs depicting everything from landscaping to plumbing firms.

The strike force thought they had been spotted by others, including Bonanno's maid, who saw the van in its various disguises dozens of times as she entered the house, the newsboy and trash-collection workers, service contractors and neighbors.

Even Bonanno's feared doberman pinscher, Greasy, became accustomed to the van and Ehmann. Greasy turned out to be docile, just wanting attention, and was content with a

placed a directional beeper on Bonanno's car so they could follow it.

By May, 1976, Ehmann and Grimble knew they should share the information they had obtained with other agencies. DeConcini obtained funds to bring police intelligence agents from New York City, Los Angeles, Long Beach and San Jose, as well as from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the Colorado Strike Force and the FBI for a two-day meeting. Kevin O'Malley, the California federal strike-force prosecutor, also attended.

Because secrecy was at a premium and other departments were unwilling to spend money on a project in-

rooms for the conference except those of the FBI and O'Malley.

"Everyone was sworn to secrecy," said a police source who was invited to the meeting. "Those that didn't want to participate could leave, but could say nothing about what they heard." Everyone agreed to give only skeletal information to their commanding officers for the time being.

Those years of secrecy appear to have paid off with the most comprehensive picture of a crime boss's operation ever produced. "The real irony of this," a New York police source said, "is that Joe's done himself in with his own handwriting. Now that's justice."

Investigating Against the Odds



Dennis DeConcini



Sam Steiger

To carry out its three-year investigation of crime boss Joseph Bonanno, the Arizona Narcotics Strike Force had to defy considerable odds.

The agency lacked manpower and expertise in the workings of organized crime when it decided to tackle Bonanno with a "trash cover," intended to unearth suspected leads to Bonanno and Arizona narcotics traffic. The agency also was trying, as it is now, to survive legislative power battles in which attempts have been made to disband the strike force or have its role assumed by the rival State Department of Public Safety (DPS).

Fighting for the survival of the strike force was the man behind its operation, now U.S. Sen. Dennis DeConcini (D-Ariz.), who found himself forced to be silent while critics and newspapers noted that his father, Evo DeConcini, a former state supreme court justice, had testified as a character witness for Bonanno during deportation hearings in 1954. "All that I could say when that was brought up," Sen. DeConcini said recently, "was that Bishop [Francis J.] Green [of the Catholic Diocese of Tucson] and other prominent citizens had testified for Bonanno without knowing who or what he really was."

In 1976, while DeConcini fought to hold the strike-force operation together, he also was fighting for political survival in his campaign for senator against former U.S. Rep. Sam Steiger. Steiger used his congressional record of fighting the organized crime-linked sporting empire of Emprise as an example of how he would fight organized crime in Arizona. "It would have

been extremely advantageous for me to have said I had authorized and backed an investigation of Bonanno while I was Pima County attorney," DeConcini said, because in that job he controlled the strike-force operation. "I couldn't, and I had to exercise extreme care when the investigation began" to avoid criticism of letting a desire to clear the family name intrude. He divorced himself from any decision-making in the investigation, leaving that to his subordinate, Terry Grimble.

In August, 1977, the Arizona Republic, a Phoenix-based daily newspaper, disclosed that the strike force had been investigating Bonanno and had wiretapped his telephones illegally. DeConcini's replacement as county attorney, Steven Neeley, charged that the Arizona Department of Public Safety was the source of the information and had deliberately compromised the investigation in a struggle to take over the functions, manpower and budget of the strike force.

The disclosures could have ruined the strike-force investigation but didn't. The trash-pickup cover, which had nothing to do with the wiretap, continued undetected.

Winning federal support for the investigation wasn't easy. From the outset, the hierarchy of the Department of Justice refused to support the project. One key Justice Department official wanted "absolute proof" that a Mafia existed before he would authorize a limited wiretap. After months of frustration, the federal strike force in San Francisco impaneled a grand jury to trace Bonanno's secret California corporate holdings.

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The following files have been on special search in
the New York Office and are being reported as missing.

NY File 91-17183 Bureau File Unknown
Title: UNSUB, EUROPEAN AMERICAN BANK
3955 Baychester Ave, Bronx, NY 1/7/77

NY File 91-17967 Bureau File Unknown
Title: UNSUB, CHEMICAL BANK
3205 Broadway, NY, NY 12/29/76

NY File 91-17984 Bureau File Unknown
Title: UNSUB, EUROPEAN AMERICAN BANK
6 E. 45th St., NY, NY 1/4/77

NY File 91-18353 Bureau File Unknown
Title: UNSUB, MANUFACTURERS HANOVER TRUST CO.,
2 Penn Plaza, NY, NY 5/23/77

NY File 183-1212 Bureau File 183-1001
Title: JOSEPH CHARLES BONNANO, SR., aka
RICO- Conspiracy

The bureau is requested to furnish NYO with available
pertinent serials.

New York has conducted an intensive search to locate
these files and will continue to do so. The Bureau will be
promptly advised as soon as located.

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TO: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (183-115) (SIRA)

FROM: SAC, BROOKLYN-QUEENS (183-1212) (P)

SUBJECT: SALVATORE VINCENT BONANNO aka;
JOSEPH BONANNO, JR.;
JOSEPH BONANNO, SR.;

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call to BQMRA, dated 8/2/79.

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Additional translations will be forwarded to San
Francisco Division upon return from typing pool.

- 2 - San Francisco (183-115) (Enc. 24)
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On May 3, 1979, [] advised Special Agent [] that the Bonanno Family hierarchy is extremely concerned by the recent activities in Tucson, Arizona regarding JOE BONNANO's recent arrest, as well as, disclosures which have been made concerning certain notes and letters obtained from BONANNO's house. At this time, Bonanno Family members are not certain on how extensive the information from JOE BONANNO has been, but there is considerable discussion among the Bonanno Family hierarchy as to what members of the family were involved in serious crimes committed for JOE BONANNO while he was boss. Several individuals are "Very worried" that the facts of these crimes will be made public. STEFANO CANNONE, the Bonanno Family consigliere, has told several individuals that he is very worried because of "some work he did for BONANNO while BONANNO was boss".

Source stated that the general consensus among the ranked Bonanno Family members is that BONANNO probably had some type of mental breakdown. Source advised that the Bonanno's are not sure whether or not BONANNO is cooperating with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), or just made some serious mistakes concerning his activities. Source stated that at this time, he is aware of no talk concerning any contracts for BONANNO, but believes the possibility of a contract could exist in the future.

Above information was disseminated to Special Agent [] Tucson, Resident Agency on May 2, 1979.

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Date 7/19/79

TO: BROOKLYN-QUEENS MRA (183-1212)
 FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (183-115) (P) (SJRA)
 RE: SALVATORE VINCENT BONANNO, aka;
 JOSEPH BONANNO, JR.;
 JOSEPH BONANNO, SR.;
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Enclosed for Brooklyn-Queens are duplicate
 reel-to-reel recordings of conversations [REDACTED]
 and translation of conversations [REDACTED]

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Strike Force Attorney [REDACTED] San Francisco,
 has requested that Special Agent [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] it is requested that they be returned to San Francisco
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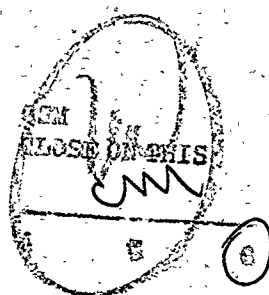
FROM: ADIC, NEW YORK (183-1212) (RUC) (M-7)

SUBJECT: JOSEPH CHARLES BONANNO, SR.
ET AL
RICO

ReNYairtel to PH, dated 4/18/79.

Since no further investigation is required in New York regarding referenced subject, this case is being placed in an RUC status.

It is to be noted, that if any additional information is developed regarding JOE BONANNO, Phoenix will be immediately notified.



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DIRECTOR, FBI (66-18090 Sub 34)
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MISSING FILES & SERIALS
NEW YORK OFFICE

This is to advise the following file reported as
missing to the Bureau has been located;

NY File No.	Bureau File No.	Title
183-1212	183-1001	JOSEPH CHARLES BONNANO, SR.

The above file was located misfiled among closed files.

All employees handling files have been again cautioned in
necessity of proper concentration in filing & handling files.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (183-736)

FROM: SAC, SACRAMENTO (183-223) (P)

SUBJECT: JOSEPH CHARLES BONANNO, SR;
 [REDACTED]
 RICO - FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS
 SACRAMENTO DIVISION
 OO: SACRAMENTO

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The following information is submitted to the Bureau regarding the expected travel of SA [REDACTED] of the Sacramento Division, in connection with captioned case.

1. On 8/20-21/79, SA [REDACTED] at the request of [REDACTED] Strike Force Attorney, San Francisco, will be available at U. S. District Court, San Francisco, for pre-trial motions. SAC Sacramento has approved this travel.

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2. On 8/29/79, through 8/31/79, SA [REDACTED] at the request of Strike Force Attorney [REDACTED] will confer with [REDACTED] and the source at San Diego, California, regarding trial testimony. This travel has been approved by SACs Sacramento and San Diego.

3. On 9/6/79, SA [REDACTED] will transport selected original cassette, audio-video and NAGRA tapes to New York City and be present while these tapes and cassettes are "cleared" and a composite tape recording of certain conversations are produced by [REDACTED] Professional Audio Laboratories, Spring Valley, New York. Strike Force Attorney, San Francisco, has contracted [REDACTED] for these services and for his presence at U. S. District Court, San Francisco,

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during trial. SAC, Sacramento, has approved this travel. New York SAC authority not solicited since no investigative activity will transpire and this travel is at the request of Strike Force.

4. On 9/20/79, SA [] at San Diego will review all original electronic intercepts with the source that may be necessary for trial. [] Strike Force Attorney, San Francisco, stated this necessary for trial purposes. It is estimated five days will be necessary to complete this task. SACs Sacramento and San Diego have approved this travel.

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5. On 10/1/79, SA [] and source will be available for the duration of trial at San Jose, California. SACs Sacramento and San Francisco.

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SALVATORE VINCENT BONANNO, AKA ET AL, RICO, PERJURY, CONSPIRACY,
OO: SAN FRANCISCO.

ON APRIL 1, 1980, STRIKE FORCE ATTORNEY [REDACTED]
SAN FRANCISCO, ADVISED THAT UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT JUDGE
INGRAM, SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA, HAD ADVANCED THE TRIAL DATE FOR
JOSEPH BONANNO SR., [REDACTED] TO APRIL 8, 1980 AT 2 P.M.
HE ADVISED IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE TRIAL WILL COMMENCE ON
APRIL 8, 1980, FOR ONE OR TWO WITNESSES AND BE CONTINUED FOR AT
LEAST TWO TO THREE DAYS TO WORK OUT STIPULATIONS WITH THE DEFENSE.

[REDACTED] REQUESTED THE FOLLOWING WITNESSES BE AVAILABLE

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FOR TESTIMONY IN THIS TRIAL: [REDACTED] BROOKLYN QUEENS
RESIDENT AGENCY TO REPORT TO SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA ON APRIL 7,
1980 AND AVAILABLE FOR TESTIMONY ON APRIL 8, 1980.

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[REDACTED] REQUESTED THAT [REDACTED] HANDWRITING SECTION,
FBI LABORATORY, BE ON TELEPHONIC STANDBY FOR TESTIMONY. IT

IS FURTHER REQUESTED THAT SA [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] PHOENIX DIVISION, BE ON TELEPHONIC STANDBY
FOR TESTIMONY IN THIS CASE. HE ADVISED THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SHOULD PREPARE TO BE IN SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA ON
OR ABOUT APRIL 13, 1980.

BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF THE PROGRESS OF THIS TRIAL.

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TO PHOENIX (183-93) (ROUTINE)

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UNCLAS

SALVATORE VINCENT BONANNO, AKA ET. AL., RICO, CONSPIRACY,
PERJURY, OO: SAN FRANCISCO.

RE SAN FRANCISCO TELETYPE TO BUREAU, DATED MAY 8, 1980.

ON MAY 14, 1980, U.S. DISTRICT COURT JUDGE INGRAM DENIED
DEFENSE MOTION TO SEVER AND TRIAL CONTINUED WITH PROSECUTION
WITNESS [REDACTED] AFTER THIRTY-FIVE MINUTES OF TESTIMONY,
JOSEPH BONNANO, SR. BECAME ILL AND TRIAL WAS CONTINUED UNTIL
MAY 15, 1980.

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TRIAL RESUMED MAY 15, 1980, U.S. DISTRICT COURT, SAN JOSE,
CALIFORNIA, WITH CROSS EXAMINATION OF WITNESS [REDACTED]
TESTIMONY WAS TERMINATED AFTER FORTY MINUTES WHEN JOSEPH

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BONANNO, SR. COMPLAINED OF FEELING ILL AND TRIAL WAS RECESSED
UNTIL 1 P.M., MAY 21, 1980.

IN AN EFFORT TO AVOID STOP AND GO TRIAL SESSIONS, U.S.
DISTRICT COURT JUDGE INGRAM ORDERED CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION
INSTALLED IN THE COURTHOUSE AND COMMUNICATED TO THE RESIDENCE
OF JOSEPH BONANNO, JR. IN CAMPBELL, CALIFORNIA. THIS
PROCEDURE WOULD PERMIT JOSEPH BONANNO, SR. THE OPTION OF
VIEWING THE PROCEEDINGS IN THE COURTROOM OR AT THE RESIDENCE
OF HIS SON WITH AN ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, SHOULD HE DESIRE.
IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT WITH THIS ARRANGEMENT, TRIAL SESSIONS
COULD EXPEND ALL DAY AND, THEREFORE, EXPEDITE THE CONDUCT
OF THIS TRIAL.

STRIKE FORCE ATTORNEY [REDACTED] SAN FRANCISCO,
ADVISED THE FOLLOWING WITNESSES ARE DESIRED IN SAN JOSE,
CALIFORNIA, ON MAY 20, 1980:

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SA [REDACTED] BROOKLYN QUEENS, SA [REDACTED]
PHOENIX, SA [REDACTED] PHOENIX, [REDACTED] ARIZONA
NARCOTICS STRIKE FORCE, [REDACTED] ARIZONA NARCOTICS
STRIKE FORCE.

BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

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New York, N.Y.

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Title: FAY BONNANO

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FAY BONNANO

TUCSON, Ariz., Sept. 7 (AP) — Fay Bonanno, wife of the reputed organized crime leader Joseph C. Bonanno Sr., died yesterday at St. Mary's Hospital here at the age of 75. A hospital spokesman said that she had suffered complications after intestinal surgery.

Born in Tunis, Tunisia, in 1905, Mrs. Bonanno came to the United States when she was a girl and attended elementary and high school in New York. She married Mr. Bonanno 48 years ago in Brooklyn, and they moved to Tucson in 1943.

Mr. Bonanno's was convicted last week in United States District Court in San Francisco on a charge of conspiring to interfere with an inquiry into alleged money-laundering by his sons Joseph C. Jr. and Salvatore. Mrs. Bonanno also leaves a daughter, Catherine R. Genovese of San Francisco.

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U N C L A S

SALVATORE VINCENT BONANNO, AKA, ET. AL.; RICO, CONSPIRACY,
PURJURY; OO: SAN FRANCISCO

SENTENCING FOR JOSEPH BONANNO, SR. [REDACTED]

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SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 28, 1980, UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT,
SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA.

STRIKE FORCE ATTORNEY [REDACTED] HAS REQUESTED

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SA'S [REDACTED] PHOENIX AND SA

[REDACTED] BROOKLYN - QUEENS MRA BE IN SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

ON OCTOBER 27, 1980, FOR PRE-SENTENCE CONFERENCE AND

PREPARATION FOR ARGUMENTS ON OCTOBER 23, 1980. [REDACTED]

STATED HE ANTICIPATES A FULL DAY OF ARGUMENTS CONCERNING THE

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SENTENCING OF JOSEPH BONANNO, SR.

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UACB, AGENTS WILL TRAVEL AS REQUESTED.

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Bonanno Gets 5-Year Jail Term

Combined News Services

Joseph Bonanno Sr., who allegedly rose from Al Capone's bootlegger to the top of organized crime, was sentenced yesterday in San Jose, Calif., to 5 years in prison for his part in organized crime activities in the Southwest.

But U.S. District Judge William Ingram, who also fined Bonanno \$10,000, said that because of Bonanno's failing health the sentence could be reduced to 2 years after an investigation into the 75-year-old mob figure's condition.

In September, Ingram found Bonanno guilty of conspiracy to obstruct justice in a grand jury investigation of alleged laundering of money from organized crime activities.

During the 14-week, non-jury trial, key government evidence was trash—including letters and scribbles in Sicilian—pulled from Bonanno's home in Tucson, Ariz., by FBI agents.

Albert Krieger, Bonanno's lawyer, delivered an hour-long plea for a lenient sentence, noting that Bonanno was suffering from cancer and heart

trouble. Krieger charged that Bonanno's wife recently died "as a direct result of Mr. Bonanno's conviction."

Krieger also said Bonanno faced "another tragedy, an ultimate horror" that will hit his family soon. He did not elaborate. The defense lawyer said he would appeal the conviction.

Prosecutor Michael Sterrett asked the judge not to be "dissuaded by the defense tactic to turn attention from what's really at issue here." He said the heart of the case was that Bonanno headed one of five crime families in New York and showed "absolute disdain for the law for decades." He said that in this case, Bonanno conspired with his nephew and codefendant Jack De Filippi, a San Jose commodities broker, to mislead investigators looking into businesses run by Bonanno's two sons as fronts for mob-obtained income.

Ingram, who raised Bonanno's bail from \$25,000 to \$75,000, set no date for Bonanno to report to the U.S. marshal and did not say where he would be held.

Bonanno, a native of Sicily, was convicted on criminal charges only once but never went to prison. He was fined \$450 in 1945 for violating the rent control subsidy. He was said to have retired from organized crime when he moved to Arizona, but some lawmen believe he still has a hand in underworld activities.

Krieger said that he had been ready to introduce Jimmy Fratianno, a mobster turned informant, as a witness to show that Bonanno had had no connections with organized crime for the past 15 years. But since the judge indicated that such testimony would not alter his decision, Fratianno was not called to the stand, Krieger said.

Bonanno's reign in New York organized crime was believed to have lasted at least until his 1964 "kidnaping" by gunmen in front of his Park Avenue apartment a day before he was to testify on mob operations before a grand jury. He went into hiding for 19 months, emerging in May, 1966, to surrender in New York. He then moved to Arizona.



UPI Photo

Joseph Bonanno Sr.

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Re Bureau airtel to all SAC's, dated 10/31/86.

Per instructions in referenced Bureau airtel, you are requested to stamp for permanent retention your corresponding case file, if not destroyed pursuant to a previously authorized file destruction program, on the following:

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